

1984

Chicago Coin Club

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Don't forget - starting in
January, our meetings will
begin at 7:30 PM.



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The 780th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club will be called to order at 7:30 PM on January 11 in Suite 1510 of the 208 S. LaSalle Building.

The Guest Speaker for the evening will be Dr. Robert M. Whiting, Research Associate at the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago. His topic will be "An Introduction to Ancient Greek and Roman Coins."

Dr. Whiting is eminently qualified to speak on ancient coins. Starting Tuesday, January 31, he will teach "Coins of Ancient Greece and Rome" at the Field Museum. Coins will be examined as mirrors of history and commerce and as art forms. Major periods in the development of coinage from their first appearance to the end of the Roman Empire will be discussed. Greek and Latin coin inscriptions will be deciphered. Classes will meet from 7-9 PM starting January 31 and for the next six Tuesdays. The cost is \$45 (\$40 for members of the Field Museum). Registration is required. If you or any of your friends are interested, call the Field Museum at 312-322-8855.

NUMISMATIC CASE EXHIBITS

Case exhibiting is not nearly as formidable as it may seem. In addition to desire, it requires only time, organization and originality, some of the very things required in preparing for your show-and-tell exhibits at the regular club meetings.

Rating sheets used by judges can vary from show to show, but, in every instance, the numismatic information of each exhibit is judged the most heavily - just as it should be. Besides being numismatically correct, your information should be complete, concise and clear. The exhibit's tastefulness, attractiveness and balance receives the next highest amount of attention from the judges and rarity counts for very little, contrary to what many believe.

If you are sincerely interested in case exhibiting, an ideal opportunity will be April 26-29, at the Central States Numismatic Society Convention in Milwaukee, WI. The setup deadline will probably be Saturday, April 28, so you won't be required to spend over one night away from home. Since seven other club members are tentatively planning to also exhibit, you can easily keep your costs down by sharing a room, even if it means sleeping on a rollaway or in a sleeping bag.

If you're still interested in case exhibiting, but think that your numismatic knowledge is too limited to make an interesting exhibit, then think again. Over the past few months a number of Chicago Coin Club members have exhibited at out-of-town conventions. Some of these members were first time exhibitors; yet many came away with an award for sharing and properly communicating their numismatic knowledge. It leaves little doubt that our monthly show-and-tell exhibits have served as a good training ground and that the members of the Chicago Coin Club are probably a cut above the average numismatist.

Oftentimes, the first time exhibitor wants someone to listen to his exhibiting ideas and help fine tune the necessary details. If you find this true of yourself, then telephone another member who has exhibited and use him as your "sounding board." If he can't be reached, call the Secretary at 454-9696, 9AM-5PM, Monday-Friday.

Following dinner at the Bismark Hotel, the 779th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order by President Saul Needleman with 36 members & 15 guests present. The guests for the evening were: ANNE ANASZEWICZ, WAYNE BOOSEL, WILLIAM BRODSKY, LILLIAN CHALMERS, ROBERT CLARK, BESS FLOWER, PHYLLIS JOHNSON, JANET LEONARD, SOPHIE MALINOWSKI, MR. & MRS. RICHARD MARTIN, SONDRA NEEDLEMAN, JOANN RODRIGUEZ, WILLIAM SWOGER AND VICKEY VAHANTE. With his being the Annual Banquet meeting, the standard order of business was waived.

The application of membership of RICHARD MARTIN received first reading. WILLIAM SHEPARD's application received second reading and a motion was made and passed that he be accepted into the club. Charles J. Ricard was introduced as a representative of the American Numismatic Association.

J. Thomas Nolan and William Holm of the Awards Committee presented the following members with awards for their exhibits at the past year's monthly meetings: GERARD ANASZEWICZ, Silver; GEORGE LILL III, Bronze; SAUL NEEDLEMAN, CARL WOLF, HARRY X BOOSEL, RICHARD HARTZOG AND HARRY FLOWER, Honorable Mention. Mr. Nolan presented all Junior members in attendance with a 1984 RED BOOK, courtesy of Joe O'Connor of Orland Coin & Stamp, and presented ROB CHRAMOSTA (absent) with the First Place and BILL GRUNDY with the Second Place Award in the Junior category. Guest Speaker plaques were presented to WILLIAM SWOGER, LINCOLN HIGGIE (absent) and CHARLES SURASKY (absent). Separate rounds of applause were given to Tillie and Harry X Boosel for organizing the banquet and to Ed Milas of RARCOA for hosting the cocktail hour.

The Guest Speaker was William Swoger who gave a slide presentation in a light, humorous fashion on some of history's more rare and beautiful numismatic pieces. Harry X Boosel followed with a brief history of the Chicago Coin Club and his numismatic specialty "1873."

Richard Hartzog conducted a member donated raffle of 23 numismatic items with the proceeds going toward subsidizing the banquet expense of the Juniors.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 PM.

**DON'T FORGET-STARTING IN JANUARY,
OUR MEETINGS WILL BEGIN AT 7:30PM.**

LETTERS FROM OUR MEMBERS

Over the past month, a number of members sent letters along with their 1984 dues. Because of space requirements, the editor has decided to shorten several of them. If you would like to read any of them in their entirety, the Secretary will have them at the next meeting.

"...I continue to enjoy reading about the Chicago Coin Club meetings, it's interests and members. Thank you for sending each month's CHATTER. Marcella Sheldon

"...Please take the enclosed check (\$15.00) and purchase 15 raffle tickets and pass them out to...Junior members attending the banquet." Mike Pesha

"...I was in the Chicago area (during the) August meeting night, but unfortunately (as) a patient at Lutheran General Hospital." Lee F. Hewitt

"...I am sorry that I cannot join with the Club for the annual dinner...Best wishes for a happy evening." Leah Klein

"...Here is a \$100.00 contribution to the Chicago Coin Club...to assist Juniors in attending coin shows and the like. Hopefully, they will exhibit and/or gain some additional numismatic knowledge...Send our greetings to all our fellow Chicago Coin Club members..." Charles and Rosalind Ryant

"Thank you for so kindly remembering me at this time of the year. The plaque (Guest Speaker in June) is greatly appreciated. I'm sure that if more organizations were as appreciative, a wider variety of speakers would be available. ...In the last 3 issues of COIN WORLD I've had a 3-part article on Postal Notes I'd appreciate receiving a few extra copies if you could find them among the members of the club. Any help in this area is appreciated. Have a wonderful 1984. Charles Surasky (Please bring your articles to the meeting and the Secretary will mail them together)



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THE 781ST MEETING OF THE CHICAGO COIN CLUB WILL BE CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:30 PM, FEBRUARY 8, 1984, IN SUITE 1510, 208 S. LA SALLE STREET, CHICAGO.

The featured speaker for the evening will be the club's Glenn Hudrlik with an address titled "The History of Territorial Gold Coinage of the United States." As a part of this history, Mr. Hudrlik will cover the various coiners, the minting procedures and the need for this private issue coinage. His talk promises to be most educational as all members should come away with the knowledge of what events lead to the formation of the San Francisco Mint. Slides are being sought but as of this printing, none have been located.

MARCH MEETING AT THE
CHICAGO INTERNATIONAL COIN FAIR, MARCH 16-18

The Club will not be meeting on the regular meeting night in March, the second Wednesday. Instead, we will be conducting our meeting on Saturday, March 17, 7:30 PM at the ninth annual Chicago International Coin Fair (CICF) at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, 151 E. Wacker Drive in downtown Chicago.



Rare Coin Company of America (Rarcoa) has promised to bring in over 100 prominent coin dealers from around the world and in addition to the Chicago Coin Club, six other local and national collectors' groups will be conducting meetings which you are invited to attend. A Friday evening and Saturday afternoon auction will be conducted by Rarcoa. Any member who knows of any Young Numismatist (YN) is requested to contact him or her as Florence Schook, American Numismatic Association Vice President, and Carl Wolf will conduct a YN meeting at 1:00 PM, Saturday, March 17th, complete with doorprizes and either a "play money" or a "magic bid" auction.

DAVID SIMPSON APPOINTED
AREA ANA REP. FOR NATIONAL COIN WEEK

David Simpson has accepted the position of Area American Numismatic Association (ANA) Representative for National Coin Week (NCW) following the telephone request last week of Nancy Green, ANA Librarian. The theme of this year's NCW is "Numismatics: A Foundation For Friendship" and will be held April 15-21. David's primary responsibility will be to coordinate NCW club activities in Illinois and the surrounding states.

David joined the Chicago Coin Club in 1979 after moving here from Pennsylvania. He has served the last three years as Club Reporter, giving him name recognition with the staffs of the numismatic journals. Presently, he is beginning to research and write a literary paper dealing with his collecting specialty: Medieval Scottish coins.

PAYMENT OF DUES

If you have not paid your 1984 Dues yet, won't you please take the time and send a check. As of March 1, any unpaid dues are considered delinquent.

GERDA BERKHOLZ WINS TWO AWARDS AT FUN SHOW

Congratulations is order for Gerda Berkholtz! According to the January 21, 1984 issue of NUMISMATIC NEWS (page 10, column 3), Mrs. Berkholtz was awarded second place in the tokens and medals category for her case exhibit "Commemorative Medals of George Washington" at the recent Florida United Numismatic Convention in Tampa, FL, January 4-7. She also exhibited in the foreign coin division and placed third with "Coins of Iceland." Mrs. Berkholtz is a past President of the Chicago Coin Club and was an active exhibitor in the Chicago area for many years until her retirement to Florida several years ago.

Chicago Coin Club
Minutes of January 11, 1984

The 780th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order at 7:40 PM by President Saul Needleman with 25 members and 4 guests present. The guests for the evening were: KEVIN DAILEY, DALE LUKANICH, MARK WIECLAW and ROBERT WHITING. The minutes of the November and December meeting and the Treasurer's Report were approved as read.

The Guest Speaker for the evening was DR. ROBERT M. WHITING, whose address before the membership was titled: "An Introduction to Ancient Greek and Roman Coins."

RICHARD MARTIN's application for membership received second reading and a motion was made and passed that he be accepted into the club. As he was absent from the Annual Banquet, Rob Chramosta was presented with his First Place Plaque in the Junior category exhibits in 1983 and George Lill III was presented with an ANA Educational Award Certificate for his presentation on counterfeit detection at the November meeting. Richard Hartzog announced that there are only a few 750th Meeting Medals for sale at \$9.00 each and an ad will be placed in the numismatic journals in hope of disposing the remaining inventory.

A motion was made, amended and passed that the club donate \$35.00 to the ANA Library to purchase a book(s) In Memoriam of those members who passed away as of May 12, 1982. Following a discussion, a motion was made and passed by a vote of 14 to 5 that the club purchase Liability Insurance of \$500,000 at a cost of \$140.00 per year. Another discussion followed and a motion was made and failed to pass that the club dues be raised by \$1.00. Following the vote, the Secretary pointed out that the dues are part of the Club Constitution and By-Laws and therefore any motion to change them can be voted on only after all members have been notified by mail and would require a two-thirds majority of the members present to pass.

The 14 exhibitors for the evening were: GERARD ANASZEWICZ: 4 Islamic coins; ROB CHRAMOSTA: 11 British coins and a hobo nickel; HARRY FLOWER: 4 calendar medals; RICHARD HARTZOG: a trader token and "The Assay Medal" book; GLENN HUDRLIK: coinage of Mexico; ROBERT LEONARD: Sommer Islands "Hogge Money" shilling; GEORGE LILL III: an ancient coin fo the Philippines and an ancient coin from Siam; THOMAS MICHELL: a 1795 U.S. silver dollar; SAUL NEEDLEMAN: a Polish Hebrew ration coupon and a U.S. colonial 1/6 dollar; J. THOMAS NOLAN: a number of different pieces of paper money of the U.S.; JOEL REZNICK: a U.S. cent taped to an envelope and used as postage; WILLIAM SHEPARD: 50 centavos from the Philippines and an 1884 Indian Cent with a repunched date; DAVID SIMPSON: a Scottish 1/8 dollar of Charles II; CARL WOLF: a counterfeit tetradrachem of Mithradates III of the Pontic Kingdom.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:13 PM.

TREASURER'S REPORT ENCLOSED

At the February meeting, the 1983 Treasurer's Report will be read for the membership's approval. If you have any questions about any specific item, please inform the Treasurer so he can be prepared.

HEWITT & DODSON RECEIVE 50 YEAR MEDAL AT ANA

Lee Hewitt and Adm. Oscar Dodson, both long time members of the Chicago Coin Club, were presented with their 50 year gold membership medals from the American Numismatic Association. The presentation was made last summer at the ANA convention in San Diego. Mr. Hewitt is a past President of the club, publisher of NUMISMATIC SCRAPBOOK and is now retired and living in Florida. Adm. Dodson is a past President of the ANA and lives in central Illinois.

EDGAR W. LISTER - TRUSTEE OF THE YEAR

Edgar W. Lister, a long time Chicago Coin Club member, was awarded the Trustee of the Year of the Missoula, Montana Community Hospital. A resident of Chicago until his retirement, Mr. Lister was the Manager of a General Motors Corporation plant which employed 5000 people. He also served on a select committee of four to choose candidates for the General Motors Institute. Upon retirement in 1958, Mr. Lister purchased a cattle ranch near Missoula where he and his wife, Tilda, settled. He remained an active and involved citizen and in 1964 became a Board member of the Missoula Community Hospital. In 1967, Mr. Lister became Board Chairman and has held that post since. His strong commitment to the health industry is the prime reason cited for this award.

IN MEMORIAM

At the January 11th meeting a motion was made and passed to donate \$35.00 to the ANA Library to purchase a book(s) In Memoriam to those members who passed away since our last donation in May, 1982. They are:

Marjorie Baker Ross
Harvey Goldfreed
Hugh Knight
Abe Kosoff

Louis Werner
Paul Pennington
Frieda Schnell

Chicago Coin Club
Minutes of the Board of Governor's Meeting
January 15, 1984

President Needleman called the meeting to order at 1:40 PM with four of the seven Officers and Directors present. In addition to President Needleman, Gerard Anaszewicz, Roy Grundy and Carl Wolf were present.

Gerard Anaszewicz reported that most 1984 monthly meetings have a featured speaker scheduled and suggestions were made for those meetings not filled and club auctions.

Following discussions, the following motions were made and passed: 1) to remit \$25.00 to William Swoger, Guest Speaker at the Annual Banquet, in repayment of his traveling expenses; 2) encourage advertisers to offset the printing and postage costs of the CHATTER and require that they be members in good standing in the ANA and list their membership number with their advertisement; 3) to authorize the Secretary to purchase the following printed items: 2500 envelopes at \$46.25, 1000 letterheads at 35.94 and 500 pieces of club literature at \$40.00.

A discussion was held regarding the upcoming 800th meeting in September of 1985. President Needleman assured the Board that Richard Hartzog is aware that he must make a report soon on the feasibility of a club issued medal. President Needleman was also authorized to approach renown numismatists and ask if they would be interested in contributing a written article for a club bulletin issued in commemoration of the 800th meeting. Further discussions were conducted regarding contributions

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Board of Governor Meeting Continued

club members could make to this bulletin, such as: numismatic articles, club history, club medals, editing and updating the club's Constitution and By-Laws.

The Governors agreed that presently the regular meetings are not attractive to most Young Numismatists (YN) due to circumstances beyond the club's control. Because we meet in the evening, our present YN members are not arriving home before 11 PM and as late as midnite. Also, since most YNs are beginning collectors, there is a good possibility they are overwhelmed by the extensive numismatic knowledge and education expressed at the meetings. To address this problem, Roy Grundy and Carl Wolf were directed to investigate the possibility of designing and promoting a separate monthly Saturday morning meeting under the auspice of the club which would be for YNs only.

A discussion was held regarding our members as a group visiting other area coin clubs and inviting other clubs, also as a group, to visit our club. President Needleman was authorized to contact other club presidents and get their opinions.

President Needleman was also authorized to investigate the cost of medallic awards for the 1984 Annual Richard Cabeen Awards, now that the club's supply of plaques is depleted.

A discussion was held regarding a hospitality hour before the club meeting on March 17th at the Chicago International Coin Fair and Carl Wolf was requested to investigate the cost.

As many new members are entering the club and as it takes a long time for them to become familiar with everyone's name, it was felt that everyone would feel more at ease introducing themselves if all members and guests wore name tags. A motion was made and passed to this effect and the Secretary was authorized to purchase name tags for those members who do not own a club badge, although the Governors encourage all members to purchase a club badge at \$2.00.

A long, long discussion and debate was held regarding the length of the monthly show-and-tell. All Governors admitted that they do not wish to suppress the natural expression of the valuable numismatic

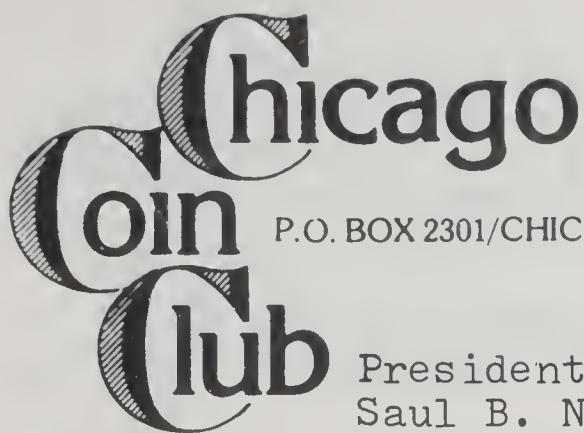
education which takes place at this time; however, the show-and-tell timeframe is going so long that some members must leave before all exhibitors have finished. Discussions were held on limiting the number of exhibitors or the number of numismatic pieces a member can exhibit. Both alternatives were found unacceptable and not in the spirit of club tradition. The Governors did feel, however, that it is well within the spirit of club tradition to encourage quality exhibits which are brief, concise and to the point. Furthermore, President Needleman was requested to announce this at every meeting just prior to the exhibits and the Secretary was directed to change the criteria on the judging sheets to reflect this change. The Governors expressed their sincere hope that all exhibitors would comply with this request and spend a little more time preparing their exhibit with this in mind. The Governors also felt that should a member have an exhibit which cannot be kept brief or concise, then he or she should approach the Program Chairman, Gerard Anaszewicz, and discuss the possibility of becoming a featured speaker.

The Governors discussed the lack of volunteerism among the members in filling the post of CHATTER editor. Several names and possibilities were discussed.

A discussion was held and all Governors agreed to appoint a board of advisors to give their advise and council to the Board of Governors. These advisors would be requested to attend the Board of Governor meetings in a non-voting capacity and would be made up of past officers, the club reporter, CHATTER editor and members who consistantly volunteer to serve the club in other capacities.

A tentative date of February 19th was set as the next meeting of the Board of Governors with the hope that reports could be delivered on most assignments given at this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:30 PM.



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Saul B. Needleman

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MARCH MEETING

This month's meeting will be held March 17, at the Chicago International Coin Fair. A hospitality hour, starting at 6:30 pm will precede our meeting. C.I.C.F. is held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, 151 E. Wacker Dr. Check with the show registration desk for our meeting room.

LETTERS

Past Presedent Barbara Goldfreed sent the following message to the club. "Thank you for the beautiful Past President Medal. I will treasure it! Time has gone quickly here as there is so much to do. I have visited three coin shows... all very good."

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Louis Nagy should have been included in the list of members who passed away as of May, 1982. The club made a donation to the A.N.A. Library in memory of these members.

BUREAU, NO MORE

On January 25, mint director Donna K. Pope announced that her agency had scrapped the old designation as the "Bureau of the Mint" and substituted "United States Mint".

MORE CHANGES

The United States Mint will resume production of uncirculated coin sets, popularly known as "mint sets". Resumption of the program was mandated by Congress in a recently adopted amendment to the Mint's continuing budget resolution.

TOKENS ANYONE

Members interested in tokens should join the Active Token Collectors Organization. A.T.C.O. publishes a sixty page journal eleven times a year, filled with information and ads. Dues are \$15.00 per year and the address is: PO Box 1573, Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57101.

Chicago Coin Club
Minutes of the February 8, 1984 Meeting

The 781st meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order by President Saul Needleman at 7:40 PM with 23 members and 1 guest, ALLEN E. SCHECHTER, present. The Minutes of the January meeting and the Treasurer's Report were approved as read.

The featured speaker for the evening was Glenn Hudrlik who addressed the club on the "History of Territorial Gold Coinage of the U.S."

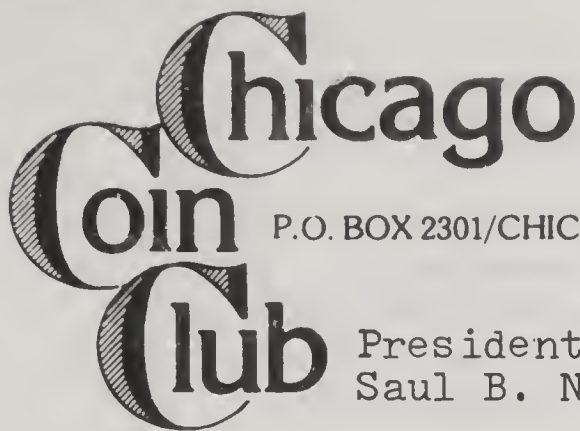
It was announced that David Simpson has been appointed and accepted the position of American Numismatic Association Area Representative for National Coin Week and Carl Wolf has been requested to head the "1891" Club. Separate motions were made and passed approving the 1983 Treasurer's Report and approving the expenditure of up to \$100 for a club hosted hospitality hour to be held prior to the club's next meeting on March 17, at the Chicago International Coin Fair. President Needleman appointed Harry X Boosel, Chester Poderski and Carl Wolf as the Medal of Merit Committee to consider possible recipients of such an award. The applications for membership of ALLEN E. SCHECHTER and JOHN & NANCY WILSON received first reading.

A brief summary of the recent Board of Governor's meeting was given by President Needleman in which he reported that several members are investigating the feasibility of a regular Saturday meeting of the Club's Junior members and that the Club archivist has been requested to search for the reverse die of the Club's 50th Anniversary Medal. Members were also requested to consistently wear name badges as many new members are entering the club and it takes them a long time to become familiar with everyone's name. President Needleman complimented all the members for their enthusiastic participation in the show-and-tell portion of the meetings but pointed out that some members must leave before all of the exhibitors have finished. He related the long discussion and debate by the Board in an attempt to solve this problem and assured the members that no one on the Board wishes to suppress the natural expression of the valuable numismatic education which takes place at this time; however, all members are requested to keep their exhibit brief, concise and to the point. Alternative solutions, such as: limiting the number of exhibitors, limiting the time of each exhibit or limiting the number of numismatic pieces a member can exhibit were found unacceptable and not in the spirit of club tradition.

The twelve exhibitors for the evening were: ROB CHRAMOSTA: EARLY COINS OF AMERICA and an 1885 U.S. Quarter; HARRY FLOWER: 3 Postal Savings System notes and 1 1957 rupee from ceylon; BILL GRUNDY: a Liberty Bell medal for selling the Saturday Evening Post and a counterfeit 100 piastre from Turkey; ROBERT LEONARD: 2 plastic notes and 22 Dewberry Picker Tokens; GEORGE LILL III: an explanation of the meaning of a "cob"; THOMAS MICHELL: a short address on "condition" versus "rarity"; WILLIAM NAWROCKI: Philadelphia NATIONAL GAZETTE of April 19, 1838 with an article on the commercial crisis and the refusal to accept the Franklin Bank Note of 1835 (also in the exhibit); SAUL NEEDLEMAN: French Mint Medal of Jerusalem and a jeton of France from 1582; J. THOMAS NOLAN: an address on those U.S. Presidents born in February and all their appearances on notes and coins; BILL SHEPARD: 1942/1 D U.S. dime; DAVID SIMPSON: a 25¢ Canadian shinplaster and a Civil War token (paper); CARL WOLF: Chicago Coin Club's 50th Anniversary Medal.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 PM

Respectfully Submitted, Carl F. Wolf, Secretary-Treasurer



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APRIL MEETING

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FAKE 93's

The International Numismatic Society Authentication Bureau has reported the appearance of "expertly actificially toned" cast counterfeits of 1793 Half Cents, Chain, and Wreath Cents. Check these coins carefully for a depressed seam around the edge. For more information contact I.N.S. at P.O. Box 19386, Washington, D.C. 20036.

GOOD LUCK

And best wishes to all members exhibiting at the Central States Numismatic Society Convention April 26-29, in Milwaukee Wisconsin.

WHY COLLECT EXONUMIA?

Charles Ricard, fellow C.C.C. member and treasurer of the Token and Medal Society will answer this question at our April meeting as well as show examples of the different types of exonumia.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

May - Saul Needleman: Cut Spanish Coinage
June - Member Benefit Auction
July - George Lill III: Cleaning and Preservation of Coins
August - John Wilson: U.S. Paper Money
September - William Baker: Historical Roman Coins
October - William Nawrocki: World Pattern Coinage
November - Gerard Anaszewicz: United States Inaugural Medals
December - Annual Banquet, Elections, and Numismatititis
January - (1985) The Legends and Heroes of Mexican Coinage

Submitted by:

Gerard Anaszewicz

Vice President and Program Director

GOING, GOING, GONE

As noted above our June meeting will feature a member benefit auction. Complete details will be provided at this month's meeting. This will be an excellent opportunity to dispose of a few duplicates at a very moderate commission.

TRAVEL NOTES

If your vacation plans include the San Francisco area, be sure to visit the Old Mint. The "Granit Lady" is located at 5th and Mission Streets and features a multimillion dollar exhibit of gold bullion. Also on display is Kagin's collection of Territorial Gold Coins. A perfect way to spend an afternoon.



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PAUL F. BRUMM
1890 - 1984

Paul F. Brumm (Member No. 264) peacefully passed away in his sleep March 15, 1984. Mr. Brumm was in declining physical health for the past five years. He was 93 years old.

Mr. Brumm joined the Chicago Coin Club June 6, 1935. He was a collector of U.S. material, specializing in gold coins, commemoratives, gold certificates and proof sets. Active in the hobby his whole life, Mr. Brumm stayed in touch with his collecting friends across the country, served as a numismatic consultant to the Ye Old Hobby Shop in Rodgers, Arkansas, and was a member of the American Numismatic Association and the Illinios Numismatic Association.

Born May 4, 1890 in Suelze, Germany, Mr. Brumm immigrated to this country in 1909 after his university education. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1910 and attained the rank of Lieutenant before his honorable discharge in 1915. Mr. Brumm was employed as a supervisor of statisical research at the Hawthorne Division of Western Electric Company. Upon his retirement in 1950, he moved to Rodgers, Arkansas, located in the heart of the Ozark Mountians, because it reminded him of his native Germany.

An active man his entire life, Mr. Brumm was a classical pianist, an astute bridge player and an avid reader of history. He was also a member of the Razorback Stamp Club, Rodgers, Arkansas, and No. 839 Berwyn AF & AM Masonic Lodge, Berwyn, Illinios.

He was preceded three years in death by his wife, Magadalene, and is survived by a grandniece in West Germany. Interment was in Benton County Memorial Park, Rodgers, Arkansas. In lieu of any personal honorium, it was Mr. Brumm's wish that contributions be sent to the organ fund of Peace Lutheran Church, 805 W. Olrich St., Rodgers, Arkansas 72756.

Submitted by:
Carl F. Wolf
Secretary-Treasurer
March 22, 1984

Chicago Coin Club
Minutes of the March 17, 1984 Meeting

The 782nd meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was held in conjunction with the Chicago International Coin Fair at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM by First Vice President Gerard Anaszewicz with 22 members and 11 guests present. The guests for the evening were: Fred J. Borgmann, Glen Dirreem, Andrew Green, James Hamilton, Jane Hutchins, Florence Schook, Neil Shafer, Joel Shafer, Bill Swoger, and John & Nancy Wilson.

The Guest Speaker for the evening was Neil Shafer with an address titled: "An Overview of World Paper Money."

Under business, John Wilson reminded the membership that the Central States Numismatic Society will hold it's annual convention April 26-29, at the MECCA Convention Center, Milwaukee, Wisconsin and the Secretary has additional exhibit forms. First Vice President Gerard Anaszewicz announced that there will be a Chicagoland National Coin Week meeting at 7:30 PM, April 16 at Richard's Lilac Lodge, 2135 S. Wolf Road, Hillside, IL. All members are cordially invited to attend. A round of applause was given to Juan Rodriguez for providing the cookies which complimented the premeeting refreshments.

The eleven exhibitors for the evening were: GERARD ANASZEWICZ: 5 coins of Armenia; ROB CHRAMOSTA: Midwinter ANA medal; GREG GASKILL: a French 5 franc coin of Napoleon; BILL GRUNDY: the first 3 coins he received from the Roman Coin Project - Theodosius I, Theodosius II and Constantius Gallus; GEORGE LILL III: 4 fakes and fantasies; WILLIAM NAWROCKI: an article on the production of paper money from the LONDON NEWS, December 30, 1854 and the Congressional Record of the 38th Congress, December 5, 1864, authorizing the 3¢ nickel and "In God We Trust." BILL PETTIT: a 1950 2 prutot bus token from Israel mistaken as a part of the coinage of Israel and also included in at least one edition of the "Brown Book"; WILLIAM SWOGER: a U.S. Grant Commemorative half dollar; JOHN WILSON: a 1919 ANS silver Peace of Versailles medal, a fantasy 1857 half dollar California gold token, and a Benevolent Society of St. Patrick 1821 medal engraved on a bank token; NANCY WILSON: early American trade token of Bulow Store, William L. Bradley; KEITH WEDDELL: a 1935 10 gilding coin of Danzig, Germany.

The application for membership of WILLIAM SWOGER received first reading. Following the second readings of the applications of ALLEN E. SCHECHTER and JOHN & NANCY WILSON, separate motions were made and passed that they be accepted into the club.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carl F. Wolf
Secretary-Treasurer



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MAY MEETING

This month's meeting will be held May 9th, starting time is 7:30 pm. Our guest speaker is C.C.C. President Saul B. Needleman and his subject will be Cut Spanish Coinage. Please attend and bring a friend.

REMEMBER YOUR LIST

The June meeting will feature a members benefit auction. As noted in the rules published in this Chatter, you must bring a list of the items you wish to include in this sale to the May meeting. Don't forget!

REED COLLECTION MAY SEE LIGHT OF DAY

The mayor of Omaha Nebraska, Mr. Mike Boyle announced the appointment of a committee to determine a way to display the famous Byron Reed coin collection. This accumulation is second only to the National Numismatic Collection in the Smithsonian Institution.

COINAGE OF THE AMERICAS

Plans are being finalized for the society's first Coinage of the Americas conference to be held November 30 - December 2 at the society. Subjects to be covered include: state copper coinage, private and speculative coinage of the 1780's and 1790's and American Half Cents and Large Cents.

Date _____
_____ Please send information on Coinage of the Americas Conference on early U.S. copper coinage Nov. 2-Dec. 2 at the American Numismatic Society museum in New York.
_____ I am interested in becoming a member of the ANS (annual dues \$20). Please send information.
Name _____
Address _____
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Mail to: American Numismatic Society Broadway at 155th Street New York, N.Y 10032

Chicago Coin Club
Minutes of the April 11, 1984 Meeting

The 783rd meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order by President Saul Needleman at 7:35 PM with 22 members and 11 guests present. The guests for the evening were: JON & WILLIAM BRODSKY, GUS, MARK & NICK DRANIAS, STEVE ELLIOT, RICHARD KUICZAK, ANDREW MICHYETA, ALAN & ELAINE PIERSON, and JOSEPH TOMASKO. The Minutes of the March meeting and the Treasurer's Report were approved as read.

President Needleman announced the death of Paul Brumm, member number 264, and asked the membership to stand for a moment of silence.

President Needleman read a letter from Charles Ryant who had written and received the support of his U.S. Representative for National Coin Week legislation. He also announced that club member, David Simpson had organized a Chicagoland National Coin Week meeting to be held April 16th in Hillside. It was announced that at least 8 members would be exhibiting at the Central States Numismatic Society convention April 27-29 in Milwaukee and the Will County Coin Club would hold their annual coin show on April 15th. First Vice President Gerard Anazewicz announced the auction rules on the upcoming auction.

The applications for membership of WILLIAM BRODSKY (Associate), ANDREW E. MICHYETA III (Regular), and ELAINE PIERSON (Regular) received first reading. The application of BILL SWOGER received second reading and a motion was made and passed that he be accepted into the club.

The exhibitors for the evening were: GERARD ANASZEWICZ: 3 insurance tokens; HARRY X BOOSEL: 2 1973 hacienda tokens & an 1873 peso from Chile made into a small tray; MIKE BRODSKY: ANA material sent out for National Coin Week promotion; ROB CHRAMOSTA: a Mexican 2 peso gold piece awarded at the 1983 Central States Numismatic Society convention in Dearborn, Michigan; RICHARD HARTZOG: a collection of cardboard 1/4¢ sales tax tokens of 1933; GLENN HUDRLIK: 7 old auction catalogs; ROBERT LEONARD: 1961-62 restrikes of the 1859-62 Confederate cent and half dollar plus tokens showing the Confederate cent obverse; GEORGE LILL III: a piece of odd & curious money from Manila, Mexican hoe money and a piece of paper money using all 3 pieces in an Exonumia Quiz; THOMAS MICHELL: a 1799 U.S. silver dollar of the B11-A die variety; SAUL NEEDLEMAN: 11 exonumia tokens of various types; JOEL REZNICK (given by Richard Hartzog): a set of 1984 Olympic Games transportation tokens from Los Angeles; CARL WOLF: the book, Coins: An Illustrated Survey, 650 B.C. to the Present Day which was on sale on a local bookstore.

The featured speaker for the evening was CHARLES RICARD, who addressed the club on the many different types of exonumia that can be collected.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carl F. Wolf
Secretary-Treasurer

DOCENDO DISCIMUS - Alive & Well with CCC Members
at the CSNS Convention in Milwaukee

Two non-resident and 9 resident members of the Chicago Coin Club presented educational case exhibits April 27-29 at the Central States Numismatic Society Convention in Milwaukee. This was a record participation for our Club at an out-of-town coin show according to long time member, Harry X Boosel. Several of these members were experienced case exhibitors, but to most, it was a fairly new experience in numismatic teaching.

Our members presented a total of 12 educational case exhibits, of which 1 was noncompetitive, and came away with 8 awards. Receiving First Place & Junior Best of Show was Mike Brodsky for his "Selected Byzantine Syphates" exhibit (Junior Category). Other First Place awards were presented to Bill Baker for his exhibit titled "The Significance of the Emperor's Protraits on Selected Roman Coins" (Coins Prior to 1500 A.D. Category) and Carl Wolf with his "Chicago Coin Club's 50th Anniversary Medal" exhibit (Medals, Tokens, Orders & Decorations Category).

Dr. Saul Needleman entered 2 exhibits and was awarded Second Place for "The Style and Development of the English Penny" exhibit (Coins Prior to 1500 A.D. Category). Nonresident member Nancy Wilson of Milwaukee was also presented with a Second Place award for her exhibit "U.S. \$5 Type Notes" (All Paper Money Category).

Third Place awards were given to Harry X Boosel for his "Around the World in 1873" exhibit (Foreign Coins after 1500 A.D. Category), Bill Grundy for his exhibit titled "The Jefferson Nickel" (Junior Category) and nonresident member John Wilson for his Franklin Mint exhibit "America in Space Medals" (Medals, Tokens, Orders & Decorations Category). Also exhibiting were Glenn Hudrlik, William Nawrocki & Jon Brodsky, Mike's 9 year old brother, who entered a noncompetitive exhibit titled "U.S. Nickel Types."

The Chicago Coin Club has every reason to be very proud of all our exhibitors for all the time and labor they gave to share their numismatic knowledge. Even more importantly, we should be proud that our Club exhibitors' concept of numismatic education is the same as the judges, who were prominent numismatists. Furthermore, "icing was added to the cake" when this fact was acknowledged in front of our numismatic peers at a banquet attended by 250 people.

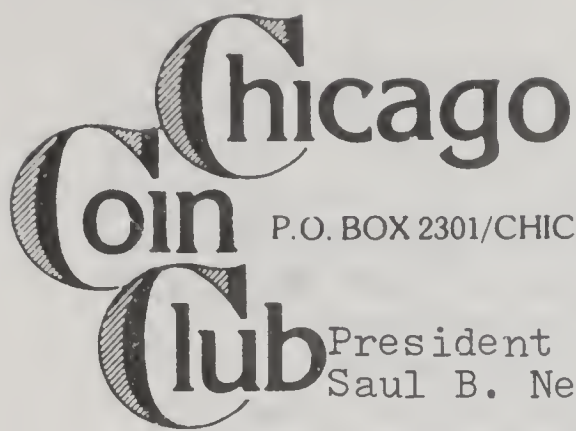
At the banquet, the CCC members and their guests filled 2 tables. Bill Pettit, a Past President of the Club & now employed by Krause Publications, joined one table and provided the members with good insights into quality exhibiting. Also adding some interesting numismatic anecdotes was David Alexander, formerly the International Editor of Coin World & now employed by Kagins. ANA Governor and avid paper money collector, Stephen Taylor, joined the second table and was particularly entertaining to the Junior members. We were also joined by Dominic Garetto, CSNS YN columnist, and Bill Baker's lovely wife, Nancy. David Simpson, our Club Reporter, Keith Weddall and Eileen & Dick Peterson also shared our tables. Rob Chramosta joined our group prior to the awards ceremony.

Next year's CSNS convention will be held April 25-28 in Minneapolis, MN.

AUCTION RULES

1. This sale is held for the benefit of the C.C.C. and its members. Only our members may consign items for sale. Guests are invited to bid.
2. Each member may consign up to three lots. Only coins, tokens, medals, paper money, and books on these subjects will be accepted. Supplies and nonnumismatic material will be rejected.
3. Lots valued in the \$5-\$25 attract the most bidders. Bring a list of the items you wish to include in our sale to the May meeting.
4. Viewing of the auction lots will be from 7:00 pm to 7:30 pm at the June meeting. You must submit your sale material by 7:20 pm to be included in the sale. COME EARLY!
5. You must be present at the June meeting to bid. Mail and phone bids will not be accepted.
6. All lots are sold as is. The C.C.C. assumes no responsibility for authenticity or grading of any lot. However, the auctioneer will not accept any piece that in his opinion has been altered or obviously overgraded.
7. The commission charged the seller is 8%, with a minimum fee of \$.25. No reserves will be accepted. You may buy back any lot at a reduced commission of 4%.





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JUNE MEETING

This month's meeting will be held June, 13th, starting time is 7:30 pm. As announced last month, the meeting will feature an auction of members coins. The rules have been modified to allow you to bring lots for inclusion in the sale even if you did not bring your list last month. Please attend and bring a friend.

QUESTIONS

We want your numismatic questions! Send them anonymously to the clubs P.O. Box and your editor with the help of other C.C.C. members will try to answer them. Remember, there's no such thing as a dumb question.

ROMAN GOLD COINS AT THE ART INSTITUTE

The Art Institute's Department of Oriental and Classical Art has placed on exhibit, on the balcony of the Grand Staircase, a comprehensive selection of 15 Imperial gold coins from the Martin A. Ryerson Collection. Portraits of emperors and their families from Tiberius (15AD) to Constantine the Great (307-337) are illustrated in the high quality and detailed artistry of ancient metal workers. Mirrors have been added to the case bottoms to view each coin's reverse side. No closing date has been scheduled but the exhibit is planned to remain on view for most of the summer.

The Art Institute of Chicago is located downtown at Michigan Avenue and Adams Street. Museum hours are: M, Tues, W, & F from 10:30 to 4:30; Sat. from 10 to 5; Thur. from 10:30 to 8; Sun. & holidays from 12 to 5. For more information call: 443-3600.

MIKE BRODSKY ACCEPTED INTO STUDIES PROGRAM

Junior member, Mike Brodsky has been accepted into Chicago's north suburban British Studies Program. He will depart July 6th for a month of education, independent and group study. For a better part of his stay, he will be residing at Westfield College, London, Warwick University, Warwick, Edinburgh University, Edinburgh, and Ilkley College, West Yorkshire. In addition to attending seminars conducted by prominent British scholars, he will tour the House of Parliament, Westminster Abbey, the London Stock Exchange, Stonehenge and Edinburgh Castle, to name just a few. Mike's last two weeks will be spent studying Byzantine coins at the British Museum. Upon completion, he will be submitting a research paper to the directors of the British Studies Program.

CLUB MEMBERS RECEIVE EXHIBIT AWARDS

Five members of the Chicago Coin Club traveled to Grand Rapids, Michigan, May 4-6, to attend the spring convention of the Michigan State Numismatic Society. Of the four members who entered exhibits, three came away with an award for sharing their numismatic knowledge. Mike Brodsky received Third Place (Junior Category) for his "Selected Byzantine Sypates" exhibit and Bill Grundy was awarded Second Place (Junior Category) for his exhibit titled "The Regular Issued Jefferson Nickel". Carl Wolf was presented with First Place (Medals, Tokens, & Decorations Category) and adult Best of Show for his exhibit "Chicago Coin Club's 50th Anniversary Medal". Special thanks goes to Don Valenziano who acted quickly in renting a car to the Club Secretary after his car was badly damaged by a tree that blew down in a bad wind storm.



L to R Debbie Wilamowski, Bill Grundy, Mike Brodsky, Carl Wolf, unknown child.

Cents attract interest

The search goes on! Coin fever is spreading not only to collectors, but to the public because what has been identified as a 1983 Doubled Die reverse cent is selling for \$125 to \$750.

What does one look for? To those with good vision, a magnifying glass is unnecessary. The letters ONE CENT and UNITED show strong doubling. E PLURIBUS UNUM is noticeably doubled.

Price range in early May started at \$125 for a cent in Extremely Fine condition, \$400 for one in choice Brilliant Uncirculated condition, and \$750 for one graded Mint State 67. Chances of finding one in change, or even a roll of coins from the bank, still exist, the doubled die authorities say.

Chicago Coin Club
Minutes of May 9, 1984

The 784th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order at 7:42 PM by President Saul Needleman with 19 members and 4 guests present. The Guests for the evening were: ANDREW MIEHYETA, JOE TOMASKO and ED & ALAN PIERSON. The Minutes of the April meeting and the Treasurer's Report were approved as read.

The Featured Speaker for the evening was Dr. Saul Needleman who addressed the club on "Cut and Mutilated Spanish Coinage."

The application for membership of JOE TOMASKO received first reading. Following the second readings of the applications for membership of WILLIAM BRODSKY (Associate), ELAINE PIERSON (Regular), and ANDREW MICHYETA (Regular), separate motions were made and passed that they be accepted into the club.

President Needleman announced the overall success of the Club members who exhibited at the Central States Numismatic Society Convention in Milwaukee. A short discussion was held regarding an inquiry by the Illinois Association of Numismatic and Precious Metal Dealers to cosponsor a coin show. A motion was made and passed that we decline their offer.

The 13 exhibitors for the evening were: HARRY X BOOSEL: an 1873 U.S. half dollar with small arrows, an 1873 $\frac{1}{4}$ Russian kopek and his third place award from CSNS Convention; MIKE BRODSKY: a Byzantine lead seal of Justin I (518-527 B.C.); ROB CHRAMOSTA: an 1824 large size and an 1831 small size Capped Bust U.S. quarters; BILL GRUNDY: a U.S. Mint Bicentennial medal of Thomas Jefferson; RICHARD HARTZOG: 3 slave tags from Charleston, N.C.; GLENN HUDRLIK: two ANA certification papers; THOMAS MICHELL: a 1797-B2 silver dollar; SAUL B. NEEDLEMAN: two Zeppelin first flight covers, 1/8 real cut Spanish coin from Barbados, a Roman Republic coin of moneyer Sabines and a 1984 U.S. cent with a 15 degree rotated reverse; ALAN PIERSON: a partially completed type coin book; CHESTER PODERSKI: from the Nation of Manumbaland, an invitation to Mike Royko of the Chicago Tribune; JUAN RODRIGUEZ: a May 8, 1983 Harry S. Truman medallic-philatelic commemorative cover and a five dollar silver certificate of 1945 signed by Secretary of the Treasurer, John W. Synder; DAVID SIMPSON: three 30 shilling pieces from James VI of Scotland; CARL WOLF: three Illinois Sesquicentennial Medals and a Lincoln Heritage Trail Medal, all designed by Trygve Rovelstad.

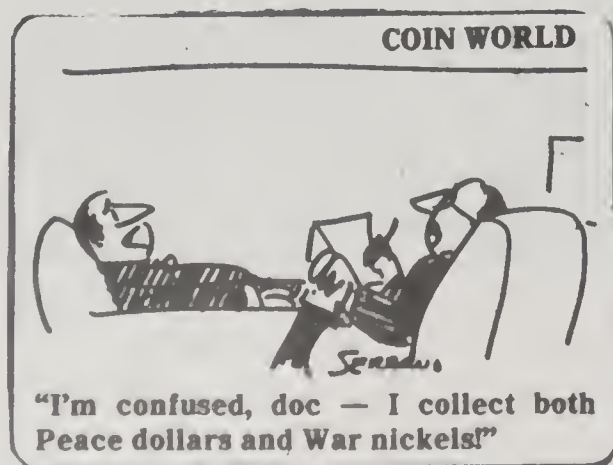
The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

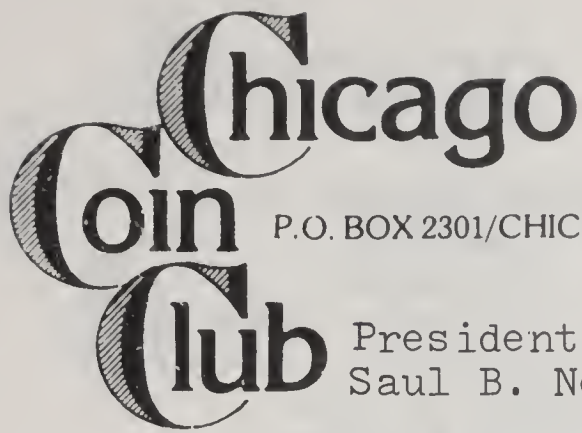
Respectfully Submitted,

Carl F. Wolf
Secretary

AUCTION LIST - JUNE 1984

1. U.S. 1804 HALF CENT FINE (C12)
2. U.S. 1831 LARGE CENT VG (N11)
3. U.S. 1904-O SILVER DOLLAR B.U.
4. U.S. 1835 LARGE CENT VF
5. U.S. 1887-S SILVER DOLLAR B.U.
6. U.S. 1846 LARGE CENT 100 YEARS APART, IN HOLDER
1946 LINCOLN CENT
7. U.S. 1933 ELONGATED CENT ITALIAN PAVILLION
8. U.S. MIXED DATES BUFFALO NICKEL ROLL
ALL DATES READABLE
9. INDIA NO DATE SILVER HINDU TEMPLE TOKEN ($\frac{1}{2}$ DOLLAR SIZE)
10. ISRAEL 1974 SILVER CHANNUKAH PROOF
11. MEXICO 1977 SILVER 100 PESOS IN HOLDER
12. ROME 350-353 A.D. MAGNENTIUS CENTENIONALIS
13. RUSSIA 1689-1725 KOPECK PETER I (THE GREAT)
14. SELJUQS OF RUM 1196-1204 SULAYMANSHAH AE DIRHEM FINE (HORSEMAN)





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JULY MEETING

Our meeting will be held July 11th at 7:30 pm, 208 S. LaSalle Suite 1510. The guest speaker is C.C.C. member and world traveler George Lill III. The title of his lecture is Hysterical or Historical, the cleaning and preservation of coins. A controversial topic indeed.

STARR WARS

Stacks, a New York coin firm sold at auction the Floyd T. Starr collection of U.S. Large cents and Half cents. The sale featured 19 varieties of the 1793 cent, including two of the four known Strawberry Leaf variety. Needless to say the bidding was fierce.

NEW "RED BOOK"

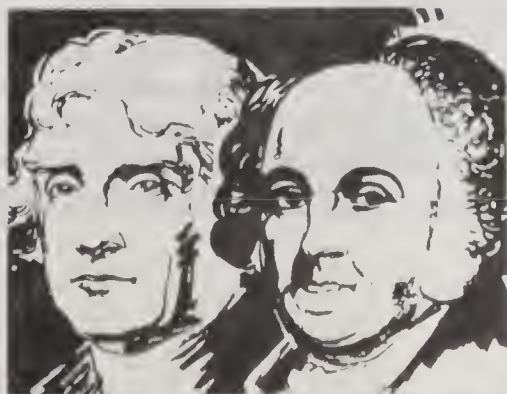
Whitman publishing has announced the release of the 38th edition of "A Guide Book of United States Coins". This edition has new sections about Philippine coinage, coins and tokens of Alaska, Feuchtwanger pieces, Leshner dollars, and Hard Times tokens.

WINNING WAYS

C.C.C. member Nancy Wilson won the best in show award at the International Paper money show in Memphis, TN. Her exhibit, "Type Set of U.S. Ten Dollar Interest Bearing Notes", traced the development of the rarest types of U.S. paper money.

JOE LOUIS MEDAL

President Reagan recently presented to the widow of Joe Louis, a Congressional gold medal. A 1½-inch duplicate in bronze is being sold by the Mint. The design features a portrait of Mr. Louis in a boxing stance, the championship belt, and a pair of boxing gloves. The cost is \$2.25 per medal. The address is: United States Mint, P.O. Box 500, Philadelphia, PA 19105.



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C.C.C. Members at A.N.A.

Carl Wolf, Numismatic Theatre Coordinator, for the A.N.A. Convention in Detroit MI, has placed four C.C.C. members as featured speakers. Robert D. Leonard Jr. is scheduled for Sunday, July 29 at 2pm. His subject is the "Coinage of the Lost State of Franklin (1784-1789)". William S. Nawrocki appears the same day at 4pm, he will speak on the "Models for U.S. Pattern Coinage". William A. Pettit steps on stage Monday, July 30th at 2pm to discuss "Numismatic Literature - The Key to Making Your Hobby More Interesting". Dr. Saul B. Needleman is scheduled for Monday, July 30th at 3pm. His lecture is titled "The History & Style of the English Penny".

TWO KINDS OF PEOPLE

*There are two kinds of people on Earth today; just two kinds of people,
no more, I say. Not the saint and the sinner, for 'tis well understood
the good are half bad and the bad are half good. Not the rich and the poor,
for to count a man's wealth you must know the state of his conscience and
health. Not the humble and proud, for in life's little span, he who puts on
vain airs is not counted a man. Not the happy and sad, for fast flying years
brings each man his laughter and each man his tears.*

*No, the two kinds on Earth that I mean are
the people who lift, and the people who lean.*

*Wherever you go you find the world's masses always divided in just these
two classes. And oddly enough, you will find, too, I ween,
there is only one lifter to twenty who lean!*

Anonymous





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AUGUST MEETING

This months meeting will be held August 8th, at 7:30 pm, in suite 1510, 208 S. LaSalle. The guest speaker is C.C.C. member and noted paper money collector John Wilson. John will present a slide show on types of U.S. Paper Money.

SOUVENIR CARDS AVAILABLE

Representing the Society of Paper Money Collectors, John will have available after the meeting, specimens of the 1984 souvenir card, a copy of a \$100 Lebanon, Indiana State Bank note, at \$4.00 each.

THANKS BILL

The CHATTER is proud to publish a short article by Bill Baker. His work shows a deep interest and keen insight towards ancient coins. The important thing is that he took the time and effort to put it together and share it with us. You can and should do the same, you owe the club more than the \$5.00 dues.

81 YEARS OF TRADITION

The Chicago Numismatic Society, our predecessor, was founded in 1903. Founding members included W. F. Dunham, Walter McDonald, Ben G. Green, E. C. Verkler, M. P. Carey, and W. G. Jerrems Jr.

Numismatic Theater—

Numismatic Theater coordinator during the 1984 American Numismatic Association convention in Detroit is Carl F. Wolf of Chicago. In that capacity, he secures and schedules speakers for the theater, and assists the speakers in a number of ways.

A self-employed computer supplies distributor, Wolf collects ancient Seleucid coinage and medals of the Chicago Coin Club and the Chicago Numismatic Society.

Wolf was recently appointed by ANA President Q. David Bowers to head the "1891 Club," the purpose of which is to raise additional promotion funds for the association's 100th Anniversary convention in Chicago in 1991.



Carl F. Wolf

He has been secretary/treasurer (five years) and youth coordinator (three years) of the Chicago Coin Club, and is a member of Central States Numismatic Society, Illinois Numismatic Association, the Michigan State Numismatic Society and ANA.

He has organized and coordinated the young numismatists program at past Chicago International Coin Fairs.

Wolf has won a number of exhibit awards and was recently awarded a summer seminar scholarship (ANA) for best of show exhibit "Chicago Coin Club's 50th Anniversary Medal" at the spring Michigan State Numismatic Society convention.

He has been a collector for 22 years, and is a 1969 graduate of the University of Minnesota.

Chicago Coin Club
Minutes of the July 11, 1984 Meeting

The 786th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order by Vice-President Gerard Anaszewicz at 7:38 PM with 19 members and 3 guests present. The guests for the evening were: NANCY BAKER, ALEXANDER BASOK, and RAY ENNESSER. The minutes of the June meeting and the Treasurer's report were approved as read.

George Lill III, our speaker of the evening, began his talk "Hysterical or Historical, The cleaning and preservation of coins" with a unique grading and observation session, where all of us determined whether 34 sample coins had been cleaned. George spoke and answered questions about 'sanitizing' and 'cleaning' for over an hour - a most enlightening and edifying presentation!

The 9 exhibitors for the evening were: WILLIAM SHEPARD; a 1914-D gold counterfeit and a Federal Reserve note printing error: HARRY X BOOSEL; An Eisenhower dollar and blank planchet which both came from the same roll: BILL BAKER; a 230 B.C. Roman 1/4 Litra: GERARD ANASZEWICZ; a 400-500 B.C. hemi-drachm of Colchis and a large U.S. Cent (1800 over 1798) which had undergone some alteration: BILL SWOGER; an UNC Danish 2 riksdaler of 1863, a Bavarian pattern taler of 1827, a 1545 Calmar taler, an 1847 Reuss-Lobenstein-Ebersdorf 2 taler, an 1801 casen taler from Brunswick-Luneberg (Hanover), and a 1639 Augsburg taler: ROBERT LEONARD; a 5th century (B.C.) bronze coin of Olbia, Sarmatia, in the shape of a dolphin, a British flyer describing U.S. Olympic Coins, and handouts and notes of summer school classes on Greek & Roman coinages at the Institute of Classical Studies in London: CHESTER PODERSKI; a package of Fantasy Seeds (Grow your own Gold): GEORGE LILL III; Bolivian silver coinage, showing their development i to other items (in this case, spoons): and RAY ENNESSER; a newspaper article showing the varied return on investment during 1983.

After the exhibits, Gerry called for a moment of silence to honor the memory of Irwin Harris (CCC #601), who passed away May 4th in Seattle. Certificates were then presented to David Simpson in recognition of his support of National Coin Week, to Glen Hurdlik for his CCC February presentation, and the Israel Numismatic Association Educational award to Gerard Anaszewicz.

After calls for old and new business (of which there was none), George Lill III moved that we adjourn, seconded by Bill Baker, and accepted by the membership at 9:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joel J. Reznick
Acting Secretary

Coins - A Link With the Past

by

Bill Baker

One of the things I like best about coin collecting is its ability to put us in touch with the past. Nothing can make us want to explore our history more than when we can form some type of tangible link that allows us to physically touch our history. The collecting of coins accomplishes this in a way that no other single type of object could possibly do. They are affordable for almost any period and serve as a prod, motivating us by the curiosity they create to explore the fascinating world that gave rise to their manufacture. Briefly, I would like to discuss some of the historical interest my collection holds for me and hopefully arouse in you the desire to journey into the past.

My collection starts with the coinage of ancient Greece. A small silver drachm of Athens from the 5th Century B.C. showing the goddess Athena and her owl serves as a reminder of the cultural brilliance and prominence achieved by the people of this city.

In order for the Athenians and other Greeks to maintain their independence, they had to overcome the might of the Persian Empire. Evidence of the magnitude of the Persian power is given by the large number of their silver coins called sigloi that have survived. These coins show the "Great King" of the Persians running with bow and spear.

The glory of the Greeks culminates in their conquest of the Persians by Alexander the Great. A drachm of Alexander from 336 - 323 B.C. shows on the obverse the head of Hercules wearing a lion skin with the god Zeus on the reverse. This coin symbolizes the Greeks' religious tendencies as well as Alexander's claim of descent from Hercules.

After Alexander's death, his empire was divided among several of his generals. Each of these generals formed a separate kingdom that was eventually engulfed by the power of Rome. A silver denarius from 42 B.C. shows us the features of Rome's greatest general, Julius Caesar, on the reverse, while one of Caesar's generals, Mark Antony, appears on the obverse. It is interesting to note that on this one coin can be found the most famous lovers of the Egyptian queen, Cleopatra.

A Roman bronze follis from 307 - 337 A.D. bears the image of Constantine the Great and shows on the reverse the sun god, Sol. Constantine was to become the first Christian emperor of the Romans and the founder of Constantinople. When the western Roman empire fell, the east survived with Constantinople as its capital. The strong Christian beliefs of these people are reflected by a follis from the 10th century showing a portrait of Christ and the reverse inscription of Jesus Christ King of Kings.

The worship of Christ is also seen on the coinage of Europe. A silver denier of France from the 13th century has a cross as a part of its reverse design and by its simplicity and crudity serves as a reminder of the Dark Ages.

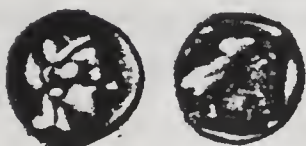
Another European coin, a silver sixpence of Queen Elizabeth I of England, shows the portrait of this queen who was to achieve a major victory over Spain in 1588 by the destruction of the Spanish Armada.

The Spanish influence on history can be seen by a silver "cob" coin produced in Mexico. Most of these coins were shipped to Spain with many being lost in violent storms at sea. My 8 reales cob from the 18th century still has encrusted sand on it as proof of its salvage from the sea. The Spanish 8 reales coins also served as the predecessors of our own U.S. silver dollars.

As can be seen, a coin collection can form an unbroken chain reflecting the heritage of man from ancient times to the present day.

Illustrations

The following illustrations are from coin books, etc., since I do not have photos of the coins in my own collection and, although the coins shown below may not be identical, they nevertheless are representative examples of the coins I've discussed.



Athenian Drachm



Persian Siglos



Drachm of
Alexander the Great



Roman Denarius of
Antony/Caesar



Roman Follis of
Constantine



Byzantine Follis (Eastern
Roman Empire) of Christ



French Denier



English Sixpence of
Elizabeth



Spanish 8 Reales Cob



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SEPTEMBER MEETING

This month's meeting will be held September 12th at 7:30 pm in Suite 1510, 208 S. LaSalle. Our guest speaker is C.C.C. member Bill Baker. His subject is Identifying Imperial Coins.

MAJOR COIN SHOW IN CINCINNATI

The second annual Greater Cincinnati Numismatic Exposition will be held at the Drawbridge Convention Center in Fort Mitchell, KY on September 14-16, (phone 606-341-2800). The bourse will feature over 100 coin dealers, a large coin auction will be conducted by McLaughlin & Robinson that features over 500 lots of Early American Coppers. If last years event is any indication, this should be a great coin show,

IN MEMORIAM

Salvatore and Florence Graziano

It is with a sad note that the Chicago Coin Club reports the death of past member, Salvatore (no. 545) and Florence Graziano. The couple were never separated during their 51 years of marriage and on July 30, both passed away within one hour of each other at Illinois Masonic Hospital.

Mr. Graziano joined the Chicago Coin Club in January 1950 and was a knowledgeable collector of crowns of Italian States and ancient Greek silver coins. Although he dropped his membership some time ago and lost touch with the club, he will always be remembered by those who knew him as a soft-spoken, gracious and dignified gentleman.

Submitted by,

Carl F. Wolf
Carl F. Wolf
Secretary/Treasurer

For more information, see the Chicago Sun-Times, Wednesday, August 1, 1984, page 3.

Chicago Coin Club
Minutes of August 8, 1984

The 787th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order by President Needleman at 7:30 P.M. with 19 members and 3 guests present. The guests for the evening were: NANCY BAKER, AL HAMPLE and JOHN DAVENPORT. The Minutes of the July meeting and the Treasurer's Report were approved as read.

The membership stood for a moment of silence in memory of past member Salvatore Graziano who died on July 30 and Vice President Anaszewicz's mother who recently passed away.

The Featured Speaker for the evening was John Wilson of Milwaukee with an address titled "An Overview of U.S. Currency."

It was announced that member David Simpson will again be the Regional Coordinator for National Coin Week and there is a Coin Week logo contest. President Needleman informed the membership of an upcoming Board of Governor's Meeting on Sunday, August 19. The following appointments were made: Harry X and Tillie Boosel, Co-chairpersons of the Annual Banquet; George Lill III, David Simpson and several more members, who's names will be announced at a future meeting, to the Nominating Committee. Richard Hartzog reported that if the Club desires a three inch medal struck to commemorate the 800th meeting, then the following costs can be expected: \$1000-2000 for the sculptor, \$17-20 each for striking bronze medals (100 minimum), plus the cost of the blank medals. A long discussion followed with no decision made. President Needleman then requested Mr. Hartzog to investigate the cost of a cast medal and report back to the Club.

Following the first reading of NANCY BAKER's application for Associate Member, the names of all members who received an exhibit award at the Detroit ANA Convention was read. In addition to showing some of the convention's various memorabilia, Harry X Boosel and John Davenport each spoke briefly about receiving their 50 year pins.

The 11 exhibitors for the evening were: BILL BAKER: a Roman bronze coin from the Constantinople mint of Fausta, wife of Constantine the Great, with a rarity of only 4 to 6 known; TILLIE BOOSEL: "chazeri" from the ANA convention; HARRY FLOWER: a set of 9 coins from San Marino, one with Albert Einstein's portrait; BILL GRUNDY: an Austrian proof set; RICHARD HARTZOG: a Yoachum Dollar of 1822 and a silver Progress in Aviation medal struck by the Chicago Numismatic Society; ROBERT LEONARD: U.S. Olympic proof set with certificate autographed by Donna Pope and Elizabeth Jones, 6 Arab-Byzantine coins, circa 650-700 A.D., plus a Byzantine coin prototype; GEORGE LILL III: Bolivian inflationary currency, 100, 500 and 1000 pesos; WILLIAM NAWROCKI: a 1911 two lira crown from Italy and an article on Continental Currency from the March 1862 issue of Harper's Weekly; SAUL NEEDLEMAN: 8 real coins of Spanish colonies, pirate money and coins showing the transition of cobs to machine struck; DAVID SIMPSON: Department of Treasury correspondence regarding an order for mint medals; JOHN WILSON: a selection of U.S. paper moneys from colonial to present.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:56 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carl F. Wolf, Secretary

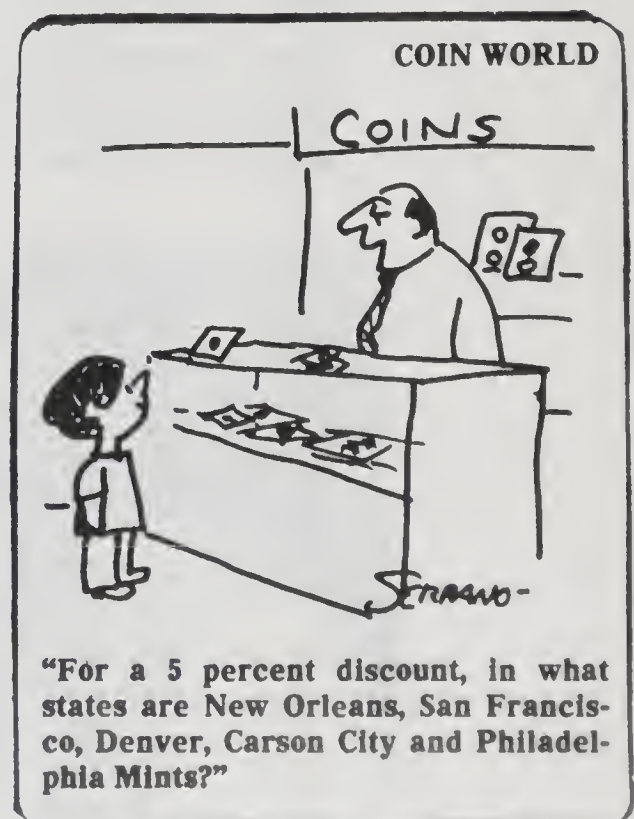
CHICAGO COIN CLUB MEMBERS RECEIVE EXHIBIT AWARDS AT ANA CONVENTION

Once again, prominent numismatists, who served as judges, chose to bestow a number of awards on Chicago Coin Club members because their exhibits showed high educational value.

Nancy Wilson had the honor of being presented with Best-of-Show for her exhibit "U.S. Fractional Currency" (U.S. Paper Money) and Second Place for her "Ten Greatest Men in American Business" (Private Mint Issues After 1960) exhibit.

Carl Wolf's exhibit titled "Chicago Coin Club's 50th Anniversary Medal" (Medals), Dr. Saul Needleman's exhibit "Development and Style of the English Penny" (Coins Issued Prior to 1500 A.D.) and Bill Grundy's "The Regular Issue Jefferson Nickel" (U.S. Coins- Junior Category) were all awarded First Place in their respective categories. Second Place awards went to Harry Flower for his exhibit "Numismatic Tributes to Albert Einstein" (General on Specialized) and John Wilson for his exhibit titled "Series of 1899 Silver Certificates" (U.S. Paper Money).

This gives the Chicago Coin Club the honorable distinction of garnering nearly 14% of the total number of exhibit awards presented and no doubt is a club record for this convention. The Club's motto DOCENDO DISCIMUS (We Learn By Teaching) and the rich educational traditions which it spawned, enable all members to take a great deal of pride in these national award presentations.



Chicago Coin Club members at the A.N.A. convention
From the pages of COIN WORLD



Nancy Wilson, recipient of the 1984 Howland Wood best of show award and husband John Wilson both are avid paper money specialists and exhibitors. John won second place in the same category.



Bill Grundy receives a plaque from Florence Schook, ANA vice president, for his first place United States coin exhibit. He received the Gordon Z. Greene Memorial Award.



Donn Pearlman, right, accepts the 1984 NLG Clemy Award from 1983 Clemy recipient Ken Bressett.



Harry X Boosel presents plaque of appreciation to Dr. John S. Davenport for his recent audio visual set presentations. Both Boosel and Davenport received their 50-year membership gold medals at the Detroit ANA convention.



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OCTOBER MEETING

This month's meeting will be held October 10th at 7:30 pm in Suite 1510, 208 S. LaSalle. Our guest speaker is C.C.C. member William Nawrocki and his subject is World Pattern Coinage.

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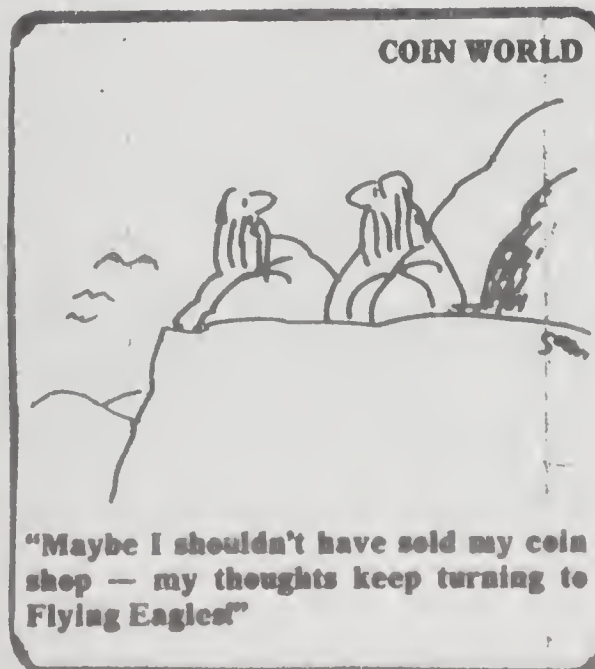
The Board of Governors at last month's meeting past a resolution banning smoking during the meeting. Please cooperate! If you need to smoke, do it outside the meeting room.

XMAS BANQUET

Our December meeting-banquet will be held at the same location as last year. Price is \$16.00 per person with an open bar compliments of Ed Milas of RARCOA. Please let Harry X. Boosel know as soon as possible if you plan to attend.

SPECIAL OFFER

Don Valenziano Jr. has donated to the C.C.C. a group of California Bicentennial tokens. They are dated 1969 and made from copper left by an early Spanish expedition. A major token dealer is currently selling these for \$3.00, but you can obtain one for \$1.00 and a S.A.S.E. sent to the C.C.C. @ P.O. Box 2301, Chicago, IL 60690.



Chicago Coin Club

Minutes of the September 12, 1984 Meeting

The 788th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Saul Needleman with 30 members and 1 guest, MR. AL HAMPLE, present. The August Minutes and the Treasurer's Report were approved as read.

First Vice President & Program Chairman, Gerard Anaszewicz, introduced Bill Baker, the Featured Speaker for the evening. Mr. Baker's address was titled, "Identifying Roman Imperial Coins."

Following the second reading of NANCY BAKER's application for associate membership, a motion was made and passed to accept her into the Club. David Simpson was presented with an ANA Certificate in Recognition of his 1983 Coin Week activity. It was also announced that a member had submitted a design in the 1984 Coin Week Logo Contest and a copy was passed around. A Thank You letter from John Wilson, the August Featured Speaker, was read, and acknowledgement was given to several long-time members, Charlotte Nagy and Charles & Rosalind Ryant, who were in attendance. The names of Club members who were presented with exhibit awards at the recent Illinois Numismatic Asso. Convention in Peoria was read. They were: Mike Brodsky, 1st Place (Junior Category); Carl Wolf, 1st Place, and Harry Flower, 3rd Place (Medals & Miscellaneous Category)

President Needleman briefly covered the decisions reached at the meeting of the Board of Governors held just prior to the meeting and announced that Harry Flower and Roy Grundy had been appointed to join George Lill III and David Simpson on the Nominating Committee. Carl Wolf spoke briefly on the subject of the 1891 Club and requested more Club members to join. It was announced that the Central States Numismatic Society was interested in having the Club host their 1990 convention and the Secretary was directed to request more information, specifically on the subject of our responsibilities.

Robert Leonard, Brian Stubbs and Harry X Boosel were appointed to read and judge a numismatic research paper which had been presented to the Secretary. Harry X Boosel, Annual Banquet Co-Chairman, announced that this year's banquet would be held on Wednesday, December 12, at the Bismark Hotel. Cocktail hour begins at 7 PM and at 8 PM dinner of braised beef will be served. The cost will be \$16.00 per person.

The 16 exhibitors for the evening were: GERARD ANASZEWICZ: 4 ancient coins, a Sassanian, Hephthalites, Tabaristan and Indian Drachm; HARRY X BOOSEL: \$1 & \$2 1st Charter notes in UNC condition issued in 1873 in Lincoln, IL, So. Carolina RR notes of 1873, a Coin World article on Spinner Girls of 1873 and a 1954-D UNC U.S. set of coins in Cointainers; TILLIE BOOSEL: 2 tokens from Las Vegas; HARRY FLOWER: an encased 1956 cent from Ray's Coin Shop, and encased 1901 cent from the Pan American Expo and 2 hobo nickels with Albert Einstein's portrait; BILL GRUNDY: a 1891 cancelled check from Victor, CO; ROY GRUNDY: a medal from the 1977 Grundy Center Centennial; GLENN HUDRLIK: a 1918/17 overdate Buffalo nickel; GEORGE LILL III: 1808 Bolivian Quartilla and a fantasy; ROBERT LEONARD: 4 Roman Imperial coin with counter-stamps, 1st-5th cent. AD; ANDREW MICHYETA: 1984 U.S. Proof set & a photo of the nickel with a double S mintmark; WILLIAM NAWROCKI: A British Museum book on Roman Coins, ancient coin fakes or Becker pieces, and a Life Magazine article from 1923 on German inflation money;

The Coinage of the "Lost State" of Franklin—A Numismatic Mystery

by Robert Leonard

(Condensed from a presentation given at the A.N.A. Convention in Detroit, July 29, 1984)

One of the mysteries of American numismatics is the lost coinage of a lost state, a coinage I've searched for for nearly 15 years without success. Yet these coins may be lying unidentified and unrecognized in someone's collection right now—perhaps yours. Complicating the search is the fact that the only primary source actually describing these coins is also lost—or may never have existed. But a great deal is knowable about this attempted coinage, and further research may help fill in the gaps.

The State of Franklin was founded in the rugged frontier of eastern Tennessee on December 14, 1784, following a dispute with North Carolina, which previously had claimed the area. A government consisting of executive, legislative, and judicial branches was established and functioned for several years, though Franklin was never admitted to the Union because of opposition from North Carolina. The Franklin government disintegrated in early 1789, and its territory was later included in the State of Tennessee.

There are two sources of information for the plan of the State of Franklin to establish a mint: one—unquestionably authentic but somewhat ambiguous—in the State Records of North Carolina, and another which appears only in a book published in 1968 but which may depend on a lost source of 1876 whose author apparently had access to otherwise unknown records of the State of Franklin. (Franklin's archives were dispersed after its government collapsed.) The most dependable source will be considered first.

Col. Joseph Martin wrote to Governor Caswell of North Carolina on May 11, 1786. In this letter, he says in part, "...they have held an Assembly lately and appointed Captain Cock (sic) a Member of Congress, and given Col. Charles Robertson liberty to coin 30,000 dollars Specie of that Value. I am told they are to have a Coat of Arms of their own, Having a reference to the State of Franklin. One of the Members of the Assembly informed me that the Colonel was in such forwardness with his Mint that in the Course of three weeks he could furnich (sic) their Members (sic) to Congress with Cash of the new Coin...."

In 1968 Noel B. Gerson's book Franklin, America's "Lost State" was published, part of the America in the Making series intended for high school students. Gerson provides additional information about the Franklin coins. He writes, "In the late spring of 1786 the Franklin Assembly held another session ...

"One bill passed during that session ... was significant. The legislators felt the state was secure enough to give Colonel Charles Robertson the power to establish a mint and coin thirty thousand dollars in Franklin currency. Robertson found someone with artistic ability to design the coins, in denominations of one dollar, fifty cents and twenty-five cents, and the presses were made for him at a Greeneville iron foundry.

"Robertson promised the legislature the coins would be made within three weeks, and letters of thanks addressed to him by Treasury officials indicate he kept his word. According to descriptions of the period, all of the coins bore a reproduction of the state seal on one side; on the other, the dollar carried an

engraving of mountains, the half-dollar showed a poplar tree, and the quarter a pair of crossed, long rifles. Nothing is known of the sizes of the coins, or of the metals used in making them. Since gold was scarce, it is likely they were of silver, perhaps mixed with lead and brass.

"It is virtually impossible to find Franklin coins today, and no pictures or drawings of them exist anywhere. They vanished soon after Franklin itself disappeared. Most of them were probably melted down, and perhaps a few found their way into the souvenir hoards of individuals. It has been said that collectors would pay a fortune for a genuine Franklin coin."

Gerson is right in saying that Franklin coins are unknown today. But following his descriptions, I prepared conceptual drawings of these coins. How accurate are these depictions? That depends on the authenticity of Gerson's descriptions, and therein lies another mystery, as yet unsolved.

Of the items in Gerson's brief bibliography, I have eliminated all but one as the possible source of the coin descriptions. That missing source is cited as "Bailey, Edward L. Franklin: A Forgotten American State. New York: 1876." This work is not listed in any other reference and is unknown to the Library of Congress. All efforts to locate a copy met with failure.

Still, I believe that this book or pamphlet exists somewhere, and that Bailey had access to original records of the State of Franklin which are preserved nowhere else. If we accept this, then we can begin to understand what really happened with Franklin's mint.

First, it is clear that the entire \$30,000 was never coined. Martin merely wrote that Col. Robertson was given "liberty" to mint that much. This was simply an upper limit. All Col. Robertson proposed to do in three weeks was to mint enough coins to cover the salary and expenses of their member to Congress, a sum I estimate to be between \$178 and about \$300, with \$1,280 an upper limit. Whatever it is, this figure represents the maximum mintage of Franklin coins.

But even this much might not have been coined, as Franklin did not send a member to Congress that year after all. Still, if Gerson's statement regarding letters of thanks addressed to Col. Robertson from Treasury officials is correct, the colonel must have minted some coins. Perhaps pattern coins were struck, or a small issue made for presentation purposes to demonstrate sovereignty.

All historians are agreed that Franklin coins are unknown today, but that is not proof that none were saved as mementos somewhere. Even today these pieces might be unrecognized as Franklin coins. They might not be inscribed "State of Franklin" in English, but might instead have confusing Latin abbreviations like other state coinages, such as "Auctori Est Liber Fra" or worse. As Franklin coins are unlisted in all coin catalogs, examples may be lying unattributed somewhere right now. Few catalogs—by their nature—describe unidentified coins. So take a careful look at any peculiar old silver coins you come across, and you may be the first to discover a coin of the Lost State of Franklin!





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NOVEMBER MEETING

This month's meeting will be held November 14th at 7:30pm in Suite 1510, 208 S. LaSalle. Please attend and bring a friend. Our speaker will be C.C.C. member Gerard Anaszewicz. His topic will be Official Inauguration Medals, the history and art. With an inauguration coming in January, the subject is quite timely. Enlarged photos and selected examples will accompany his talk.

SPECIAL THANKS

The C.C.C. would like to acknowledge the help and consideration of Mr. H. Joseph Levine of Presidential Coin and Antique Co. in preparing this presentation. It should be noted that Mr. Levin is author of "Collectors Guide to Presidential Inaugural Medals and Memorabilia".

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO BY-LAWS

The purpose of this amendment to the by-laws is to create the elected position of Archivist. It is felt that the creation of such a position is in keeping with the educational objectives of the Chicago Coin Club and would result in better organization, maintenance, and utilization of the numismatically historic material in our files.

Proposed addition to Article 6 Section 5

1. The Archivist shall be the custodian of all records, notices, books, photographs, medals, and other properties, except library materials of the Club.
2. The Archivist shall be responsible for collating and maintaining the official records of the Club for other than the current year and shall have them organized and assembled as necessary for reference.
- 3a. The Archivist shall maintain a current inventory of all properties belonging to or donated to the Club
- 3b. The Archivist shall notify the Board of all unusual or rare items in inventory.
4. From time-to-time, the Archivist shall prepare short historic reviews of Club matters for use in the Chatter or for distribution to the numismatic community.

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The 789th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called ot order at 7:30 PM by President Saul Needleman with 19 members and 2 guest, THOMAS DE LOREY & LEE MOHIUDDIN, present. The September Minutes and the Treasurer's Report were approved as read.

Harry X and Tillie Boosel announced that the Annual Banquet would be held December 12 at the Bismark Hotel, 171 W. Randolph St., Downtown Chicago. The Cost will be \$16.00 per person (\$5.00 per Junior member) and the cocktail hour will again be held compliments of Ed Milas at RARCOA. A motion was made, amended and passed that the Club Treasury will subsidize those banquet costs over \$10.00 for all members as of the November meeting.

President Needleman announced that he is beginning to contact numismatic authors to submit articles for our planned 800th meeting book. With Richard Hartzog absent, there was no 800th meeting medal report, but Carl Wolf led a discussion regarding the Club issuing a litho print of a Chicago banknote. Following the discussion, the members expressed an overwhelming preference for a medal.

Following the first reading of THOMAS DE LOREY's application for membership, Harry Flower, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, announced the nomination of officers for 1985-86. They are: President: Saul Needleman; First Vice President: Gerard Anaszewicz; Second Vice President: George Lill III; Directors: William Baker, Glenn Hudrlik and David Simpson; and Archivist: Carl Wolf.

Carl Wolf, who was directed to investigate the responsibilities of the host club for a Central States Numismatic Society convention, reported that the Society is rewriting their convention manual and he was told that it should be available in several months. Under correspondence, news releases were briefly read from the American Numismatic Association and the British Royal Mint. It was announced that Chester Poderski has been hospitalized and Gerry Anaszewicz announced that the Chicago International Coin Fair will be held March 15-17, 1985.

The ten exhibitors for the evening were: GERARD ANASZEWICZ: a Nova Constellatio in copper & a Continental Dollar replica; HARRY FLOWER: a German-American Tricentennial medal showing a montage of famous German Americans; GLENN HUDRLIK: a 1915 St. Gaudens double eagle in it's original gold-lettered card from the Merchants Loan & Trust Company of Chicago; GEORGE LILL III: an 1870 U.S. quarter & a pattern from the same year and denomination; ROBERT LEONARD: 4 Stone Age trade items: a Neolithic roughout for a flint hand axe from Spettisbury, Dorset, England, circa 2000 B.C. & 3 cache blades (axe blanks) from Crawford County, IL (near Palestine, IL), Late Woodland Culture, circa 200-1000 A.D.; ANDREW MICHYETA: a German thaler from 1780 showing Joseph II & a Regensburg city scene; WILLIAM NAWROCKI: a \$5 broken banknote from Harrisburg & it's original drawing, a 5, 10 & 50 inflation franc & 2 pieces from the Bahamas; SAUL NEEDLEMAN: 2 Dutch jetons with Jehovah in Hebrew & 2 English trade tokens, 1 with a decorative edge; DAVID SIMPSON: numismatic memorabilia, miscellaneous U.K. coins & a Scottish banknote from a recent trip to Great Britain; CARL WOLF: the book by Q. David Bowers, Virgil Brand: The Man & His Era & it's numerous references to the Chicago Numismatic Society and the Chicago Coin Club.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:29 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carl F. Wolf, Secretary/Treasurer

Chicago Coin Club
Meeting of the Board of Governors
September 12, 1984

The meeting of the Board of Governors was called to order by President Saul Needleman at 6:32 PM with the following Officers and Directors present: Gerry Anaszewicz, Roy Grundy, William Holm and Carl Wolf. Club Reporter, David Simpson, and Chatter Editor, Don Valenziano, were also present as advisors.

Carl Wolf reported that in an effort to increase junior membership, he has been conducting numismatic programs before young people at libraries throughout the southwestern metropolitan area. Although he has met a number of avid collectors, he reported that he has had no success in getting these young collectors to attend Club meetings. The Board suggested that we may experience better results if we were to send a different member to each appearance and requested Mr. Wolf to inform them of future library requests for club speakers and to try to establish contacts in the northern metropolitan area. Mr. Wolf also reported that at this time he does not recommend a separate junior meeting.

President Needleman reported that the archives have been searched and the Literary Award criterion could not be found. Because of this, he appointed David Simpson, Roy Grundy, Gerry Anaszewicz and himself to serve as the committee to write a new set of criteria which must be followed to qualify for the Literary Award. In response to a motion passed to present the 1984 and all future first and second place Annual Exhibit Award recipients with a silver and bronze medallic award at the September 4, 1982 meeting of the Board of Governors, President Needleman announced that he is pursuing prices for these medals from the Medallic Art Company and the American Numismatic Association. The Board's desire for a 800th meeting book was reconfirmed and President Needleman reported that he is pursuing authors to submit numismatic articles.

The Secretary/Treasurer announced that two members, Ron Swenson and Chris Van Adelsberg, have not paid their 1984 dues. The Board made a motion that their names be posted in the next Chatter issue and if they have not paid by October 31, their names be dropped from the rolls.

President Needleman announced the appointment of Harry Flower and Roy Grundy to serve on the Nominating Committee with George Lill III and David Simpson. He also announced that he is most interested in making the position of Club Archivist an elected position and promised to write up a job description and report back at a future Board Meeting.

A discussion was held with all Officers and Directors participating, on the direction of the Club and how to encourage more literary papers and more good speakers from within the Club. Carl Wolf reported that he was approached by a number of different Central States Numismatic Society officers requesting that the Chicago Coin Club send an invitation to them to host their 1990 convention. The Board was reasonably favorable to the idea but requested President Needleman and Carl Wolf to investigate the Club's responsibilities.

Before the meeting was adjourned at 7:15, the Board discussed the

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fact that since the meeting room's air ventilation system is not in operation during the meeting, that we request the members to please refrain from smoking.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carl F. Wolf
Secretary

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MR CARL WOLF

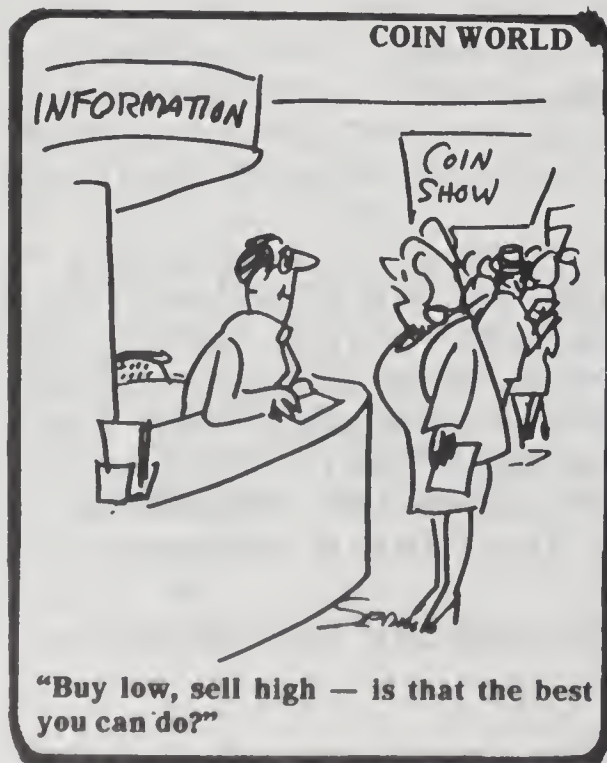
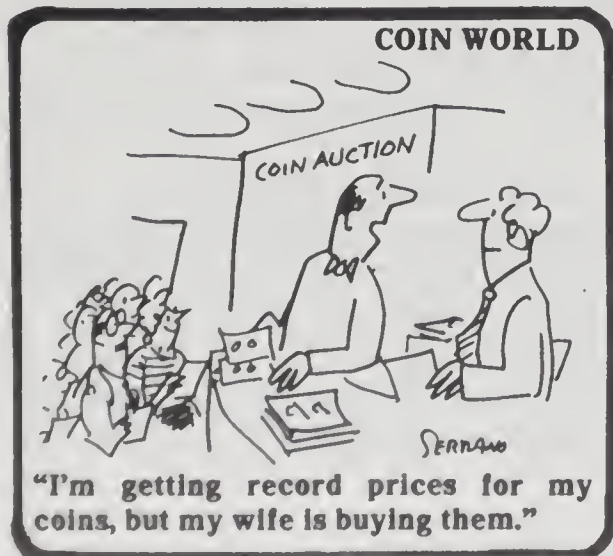
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THE STORY OF THE COUNTERSTAMPED PESO COMMEMORATING
THE 400TH MEETING OF THE CHICAGO COIN CLUB

by Harry X Boosel

Shortly after the January 1952 meeting of the Chicago Coin Club, the board of directors of the club met and planned the program for the entire year.

Col. Curtis proposed that inasmuch as the club could not strike a suitable medal for our 400th meeting, that we purchase a number of Mexican One-Peso pieces and counterstamp them with a suitable inscription for that event.

The announcement was made at the February meeting and late that month an engraving firm was contacted in Chicago and after considerable dickering and proposals they agreed to make the counterstamp if a reverse was also used.

Meanwhile one of the Chicago dealers contacted a firm in Mexico which agreed to furnish a number of these One Peso pieces for the purpose for which intended. The head of Secret Service in Chicago was contacted and turned thumbs down on the idea, stating that all foreign silver and gold monies had to be protected the same as U. S.

This took the wind out of our sails and the project was momentarily abandoned. Then the idea was proposed that inasmuch as these coins were no longer current in Mexico, that perhaps dispensation could be obtained. The assistant chief of Secret Service contacted and said that as far as he knew it was OK to go ahead. This was about the middle of April.

It was then believed that it was too late to contact the party in Mexico for shipment to the U.S., and a dealer in El Paso and one in Tucson were contacted for the Peso pieces with negative results.

A dealer in Chicago had recently purchased some of the same Peso pieces from a Chicago bank and this lead was futilely run down. Meanwhile the other dealer had written the Mexican source and contact was made and the coins were to be shipped immediately. This was at the end of April and time was running short for the May 14th meeting.

Meanwhile the engraving firm had been given orders to go ahead with the die, but they didn't like to do that without the coins to strike, but they were coerced into it.

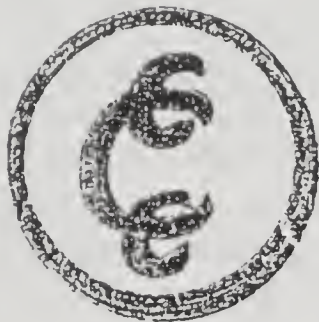
Came Saturday, May 10th and still no coins. The engraving firm was calling for the coins loudly. Monday May 12 and still no coins. Phone call was made to Brownsville, Texas to see if the coins had come across the border and the contact said that he had just received notice of arrival through customs, and now that he knew time was short, they would be put on a plane air express that evening.

Tuesday morning and no coins. The gas strike was on and service was irregular. Tuesday afternoon and no coins and the express company was alerted to notify if the coins came in and were to hold them for pick-up downtown in order to get them to the engraving firm downtown.

Wednesday morning and still no coins but about 10:30 a call came that they had been delivered specially to the south side! Pick up was made and the coins were brought to the engraver, BUT they said no, that their cork was laid out for the day and it would be impossible to strike them that day, May 14th! The engraver was asked if he would let us have the dies and we would have them struck elsewhere inasmuch as today was the day--No, he said that they charged for a complete job which included the striking and the dies never left the shop.

After a little further conversation and consultation he agreed to try to get them done 5:00pm that evening. At 5:00pm the coins were picked up and at 7:30pm they were delivered to the coin club meeting, hot off the press.

Moral: Do not delay. It may be later than you think!



The 401st meeting of the C.C.C. will be held at the La Salle Hotel, June 11th in the Chicago Room mezzanine floor. (Note the change of room for this meeting)

Welcome new members R. O. Jarvis, David Allen, C. N. Ryan and Elmer Laurent.

May attendance: 67 members and guests.

PERSONALS

The Beebe's are completing their plans to move to Omaha later in the year.

Frank Smith has purchased a home in Tucson, Arizona and is moving this month.

It is with sincere regret that we advise the membership of the sudden passing of our new member, Elmer Laurent during the meeting at Waterloo, Ia.

Hats off to Elson Bradfield for turning in the report on our activities during National Coin Week that won us an award.

The Iowa Numismatic Association held a two-day meeting at the President Hotel in Waterloo, Iowa, May 26 and 27. Attendance was very good and exhibits and banquet was excellent as usual. Chicago Coin Club was well represented.

Club members will be pleased to learn that their efforts during National Coin Week were crowned with success. A letter received by Secretary Salisbury from the National Chairman, S. Epps advises C.C.C. was awarded first place in Class A competition. Thanks is due Ted Pokorney for exhibit at First National Bank, also to Glenn Smedley, Earl Brown and Earl Salisbury, who worked hard and long for the glory of the club.

On May 14, 1952, the Chicago Coin Club celebrated its 400th meeting. On that date, 200 Mexican One-Peso pieces, 1944 uncirculated were counter-stamped with the above insignia.

There were no varieties. All were 1944 unc. These are being sold to the members of the Chicago Coin Club at the rate of \$1.00 and one to a member.

Those members who did not attend the May meeting and will be unable to attend the June meeting and who wish to procure one of the above, may do so by writing to the secretary and enclosing \$1.00 plus postage and insurance.

REMEMBER! One to a member until the July meeting. At the July meeting, it will be assumed that those who have not written the secretary or procured one of these counterstamped coins, are not interested and the remainder, if any, will be available to those members who wish more than one. If any are left after the July meeting, they will be offered to the general numismatic public.

Only 200 were struck, and it is not promised at this time to restrike.

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ANNUAL BANQUET - DECEMBER 12th

Now is the time for everyone to begin planning to attend the Club's Annual Awards Banquet and Election of Officers at the Bismark Hotel, 171 W. Randolph St., Downtown Chicago. There will be no exhibits, a minimum amount of business discussion and plenty of time to socialize. Newer members and their spouses are especially encouraged to attend as this is an ideal time to get to know your fellow members and spouses always find it amusing to visit about what it's like to be married to a numismatist.

The cocktail hour, courtesy of Ed Milas at RARCOA, will begin at 7 P.M. and a dinner of braised beef will be served at 8 P.M. The cost per member is \$10.00, Junior members are \$5.00 and guests are \$16.00. Please make reservations with the Banquet Co-Chairmen Harry X & Tillie Boosel or telephone Carl Wolf at 454-9696.

Continuing previous years tradition, we will have a members donated raffle. Please bring an item or two as contribution.

800TH MEETING MEDAL

Bring your designs of an obverse and reverse 800th Meeting Medal to the banquet. Size must be 8" X 8" and unsigned. It would be helpful if a short description of the symbolism is provided on a separate sheet of paper.

MEMBERS ON THE MOVE

At the recent Michigan State Numismatic Society Convention, two Chicago Coin Club members took home the top honors. John Wilson and Bill Grundy were both awarded Best-of-Show Exhibit awards in the adult and junior categories respectively. In addition to receiving gold coins housed in Capital Plastic, both will receive a scholarship to the ANA Summer Seminar. Also receiving an award was Nancy Wilson with Second Place in the Paper Money category.

Brian Stubbs is currently exhibiting paper money of the Belgian Congo (1947-1955) and Ethiopia (1935 to present date) at the Africana Library at Northwestern University. Mr. Stubbs has also been elected President of his graduation class at Northwestern. Mr. Stubbs duties will include acting as the official spokesman and liaison between the administration and the graduating class.

On October 13, Carl Wolf spoke to 17 young numismatists at the Prairie Trails Library in Burbank. His talk was An Introduction to Numismatics.

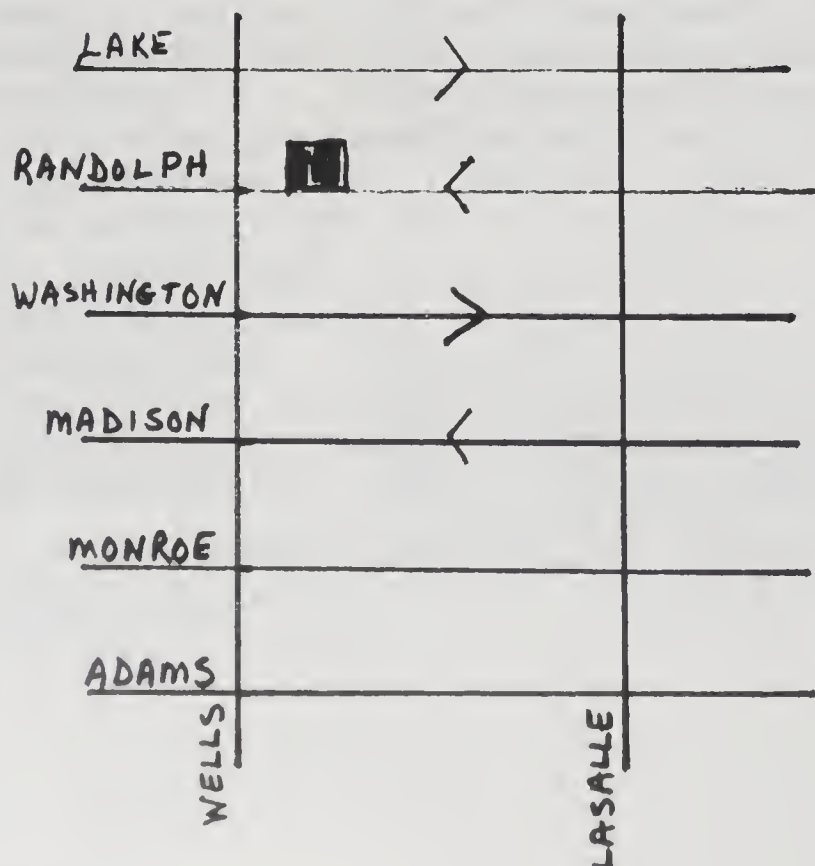
PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS AND CONSTITUTION

PLEASE NOTE: LAST MONTH'S ISSUE OF THE CHATTER INADVERTENTLY DELETED AN IMPORTANT SECTION TO THE PORPOSED AMENDMENT. THIS SECTION IS INCLUDED BELOW AND IS UNDERLINED.

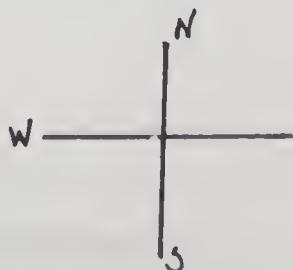
The purpose of this amendment to the By-Laws is to create the elected position of Archivist. It is felt that the creation of such a position is in keeping with the educational objectives of the Chicago Coin Club and would result in better organiztion, maintenance, and utilization of the numismatically historic material in our files.

Proposed addition to Article 6, Section 5:

1. The Archivist shall be an elected officer and regular member of the Board of Governors.
2. The Archivist shall be the custodiam of all records, notices, books, photographs, medals, and other properties, except library materials of the Club.
3. The Archivist shall be responsible for collating and maintaining the official records of the Club for other than the current year and shall have them organized and assembled as necessary for reference.
- 4a. The Archivist shall maintain a current inventory of all proper-ties belonging to or donated to the Club.
- 4b. The Archivist shall notify the Board of all unusual or rare items in inventory.
5. From time-to-time, the Archivist shall prepare short historic reviews of Club matters for use in the Chatter or for distri-bution to the numismatic community.



DIRECTIONS TO
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Chicago Coin Club
Minutes of November 14, 1984

The 790th meeting of the Chicago Coin Club was called to order at 7:33 PM by President Needleman with 25 members and 4 guests present. The guests for the evening were: DAVID HENKLE, RON LAURENT, TED TUZIK and SHIRLEY VALENZIANO. The October Minutes and Treasurer's Report were approved as read.

The evening's featured speaker was Gerard Anaszewicz who addressed the Club on Official U.S. Presidential Inauguration Medals. Following the talk, Harry X Boosel showed a film taken at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. during Franklin Roosevelt's second inaugural. Mr. Boosel also shared some interesting information regarding his purchase of the surplus medals issued for this inauguration.

The Secretary read correspondence received over the past month, including letters of inquiry from TED TUZIK, G.R. ENSIGN and LEN OVERCASH. President Needleman reminded members to make reservations with Harry X and Tillie Boosel for the December Banquet and reported on the proposed change in the Club's Constitution which will be voted on at that time.

Following President Needleman's report on the progress made in securing authors for an 800th meeting book, Richard Hartzog directed a discussion on the Club issuing a medal for the same occasion. Don Valenziano reported that Pressed Metal, Vancouver, B.C. could produce 250 medals at an estimated cost per medal of \$3.15 or less. President Needleman reported that Cincinnati Medals Corp. could produce 100 2" medals at an estimated cost per medal of \$8.00 or less. A survey revealed that no one was interested in a 1½" medal while 13 members found the 2" and 3" sizes appealing. A poll on acceptable cost per medal showed 15 members who would pay up to \$10, 8 up to \$15 and 4 who would pay to \$20 per medal. It was decided to conduct a design competition among the members at the December Banquet. Mr. Hartzog announced that designs must be submitted in a 8" x 8" size with no identification and the membership retains the right to choose only the obverse or reverse design.

The second reading of TOM DeLOREY's application for membership was read and a motion was made and passed that he be accepted into the Club. The applications of SHIRLEY VALENZIANO, KAREN NAWROCKI and RON LAURENT received first reading. Robert Leonard, reporting for the Literary Committee, announced that a recent paper submitted was not outstanding enough to be awarded a literary award. Mr. Leonard, President of the Israel Numismatic Society of Illinois (INSI), presented several Club members with American Israel Numismatic Association Educational Certificates for their featured programs before the INSI group.

The 13 exhibitors for the evening were: GERARD ANASZEWICZ: 3 Islamic coins; WILLIAM BRODSKY: a great oval gold coin from Japan; HARRY FLOWER: an overstruck Maria Theresa taler with an accompanying article; GLENN HUDRLIK: a Byzantine gold solidus of Heraclius (613-41 A.D.); ROBERT LEONARD: 2 British West Africa pennies of Edward VIII and George VI, a postcard showing natives with the penny, a 1908 war tax token and a 1921 ticket of Chicago showing the war

tax paid; GEORGE LILL III: a talk on how friendship turns to hate as reflected on a 1975 commemorative coin of Nicaragua; ANDREW MICHYETA: a 1813 8 reales of Argentina and a silver tigertongue from Loas with 3 mint valuation marks; SAUL NEEDLEMAN: 3 medals of the Israel Numismatic Society of Brooklyn, a piece of the Brooklyn bridge, a certificate of authenticity and a U.S. dollar bill with an extra line printed on it; BEN ODESSER: an only known Israel ad mirror and a sample medal by Bastian Brothers, Rochester, N.Y., of Samuel Gompers, founder and first president of the A.F. of L.; CHESTER PODERSKI: a plastic holder with coins placed to spell out the word "Canada"; DAVID SIMPSON: a ryal of Scotland issued in 1567; KEITH WEDDELL: a demonstration on how a price is calculated and submitted to Krause Publications for their Standard Catalog of World Coins; CARL WOLF: back issues of the Numismatist showing the Inaugural medals of all U.S. Presidents from Harding to Reagan, except Hoover.

The meeting was adjourned at 10 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carl F. Wolf
Secretary/Treasurer

Philippine 50-sentimo coin in two varieties

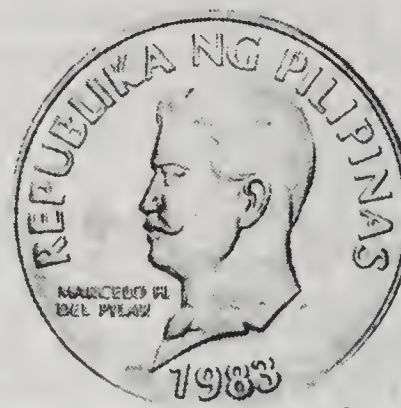
Two varieties of the 1983 Philippine 50-sentimo coin have been reported by Barrilla, the official publication of the Money Museum of the Central Bank of the Philippines, in Manila.

An incorrect spelling appeared in the scientific name of the eagle on the reverse spelled PITHECOBHAGA JEFFERYI. A mintage of 37,172,000 coins with the incorrect spelling is reported.

An official of the Bureau of Forest Development noted that the correct spelling should be *Pithecophaga jefferyi*. He notified the Central Bank, which corrected the spelling for coins to be minted for the balance of the year.

Further release of the erroneously spelled coins was suspended. However, due to the volume of error pieces in circulation the balance of the Variety-1 minted was later permitted to enter circulation with the corrected Variety-2.

Barrilla states that this is the first time in Philippine num-



Two varieties of the 50-sentimos coin dated 1983 are in circulation in the Philippines. The reverse of the Variety 1 spells the eagle's name incorrectly as PITHECOBHAGA JEFFERYI, while the Variety 2 spells it PITHECOPHAGA JEFFERYI.

ismatic history that an error coin was allowed to circulate with a larger mintage than the corrected variety. The final mintage figure on the Variety-2 is 32.6 million.

The 50-sentimo coin depicts the bust of Marcelo H. Del Pilar facing left on the obverse, and an eagle diving left with outstretched claws on the reverse. The incorrect legend is below the tail feathers of the bird.

The coin is composed of 75 percent copper-nickel and 25 percent nickel. It weighs 6.05 grams, is 25 millimeters in diameter and has a round, plain edge.

The entire seven-coin Philippine coin series had its design changed in 1983.

